MOSCOW (R) - Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev said Tuesday there were realistic prospects for a superpower pact halving long-range nuclear arsenals, despite differences with the United States. Soviet Television reported. It said Gorbachev had discussed the Geneva negotiations aimed at concluding a strategic arms reduction treaty (START) during talks with former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt. "Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev said such prospects were realistic." the television said. It quoted him as saying: "We see that a large number of questions have been worked out and, on the remaining questions, we see the possibility of reaching a mutually acceptable compromise. We see the situation which is taking shape in the United States. We are not dramatising it, and on our part we will do everything possible to achieve the conclusion of this treaty." Gorbachev was apparently referring to questions raised by the United States about verification of a strategic arms pact. Although the two sides worked out ways to ensure against violations of the intermediaterange missile ban they signed last December, U.S. officials say verification of a treaty allowing continued production of some missiles will be harder.

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#### Crown Prince to visit Japan

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvoth will pay a several-day official visit to Japan during the second half of April, a spokesman for the Royal Court announced Tuesday. The announcement said that Their Highnesses will meet with Japan's Emperor Hirohito, his wife and the crown prince. Prince Hassan will hold talks on bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest with Japanese Premier Naburo Takeshita and other Japanese officials, economists and

#### Soviet minister begins visit

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AMMAN (Petra) — Higher Education Minister Nassereddine Al Assad Tuesday discussed with a visiting Soviet deputy prime minister and head of the Jordanian-Soviet Friendship Society Bahjat Talhouni means of developing bilateral relations in the higher education field. Assad briefed the Soviet guest on higher education in Jordan and spoke about the role of Jordanian universities in providing the neces-sary cadres for the country's development plans.

#### Bridges to close

AMMAN (Petra) — King Hussein and Prince Mohammad bridges on the River Jordan will be closed Friday and Saturday April 8 and 9, a Public Security Department (PSD) spokesman said Tuesday. The spokesman said that the bridges would be open until 10.00 a.m. Thursday and 300 people will be allowed to cross the King Hussein Bridge while 150 passengers would be allowed to cross Prince Mohammad Bridge on the same day.

#### Algerian team arrives

AMMAN (Petra) - An Algerian police delegation, headed by Brigadier Al Tayyeb Salb arrived in Amman Tuesday on a severalday official visit for talks with Jordanian officials on bilateral cooperation in the field of public security.

#### APU issues call for debate on uprising

DAMASCUS (Petra) — The Arab Parliamentary Union (APU) Tuesday called on all Arab parliaments to hold a special session to discuss means of supporting the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories. APU Speaker Rashid Safr sent cables to speakers of Arab parliaments saying that the uprising reiterates to the whole world that the Palestinian people are resolved and determined to liberate their land to secure recognition of their inalienable legitimate rights."

#### **AMF** readmits Egypt

OMAN (AP) - Governors of the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) and the Arab Authority for Investment and Agricultural Development voted at their annual meetings to reinstate Egypt's membership, the Oman News Agency reported Monday. This followed the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development's decisions Sunday to restore Egypt's membership.

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Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday confers with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in a meeting attended by Prime Minister Zaid

Rifai (right) and American Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth

## Shultz holds talks with Jordanian and Syrian leaders on peace plan

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

AMMAN — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz Tuesday held inconclusive talks with His Majesty King Hussein on the new American plan for the Middle East and flew to Damascus for similar talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-ra, said Shultz briefed the King dle East should be achieved only on the outcome of contacts that the Reagan administration had over the peace plan with the various parties involved.

Petra said the King reiterated ducted in a "completely clear and Jordan's firm stand that a com-

Arabs jailed in Kuwait, Tehran

The radio, monitored in Cyp-

rus, said the hijackers made the

demand in a statement issued at

Iran's IRNA news agency ear-

lier quoted a Jordanian passen-

ger, released because of iliness.

as saying five or six men armed

with hand grenades and pistols

took control of the Kuwait Air-

ways Boeing 747 about three hours after it left Bangkok on a

In Kuwait, an official who de-

clined to be identified said the

country had not been told of any

Iranian authorities allowed the

airliner, carrying more than 110

people, to land at the northeast-

ern city of Mashhad after the

pilot reported he was running out

The hijackers threatened to

blow it up if anyone approached

and demanded that it be refuelled

so that they could fly on to

another, undisclosed destination.

Iran rejected the request, IRNA

Tehran radio said Rafiq Musta-

fa Issa, a 42-year-old Jordanian

with heart trouble, was allowed

to leave the plane.
"They (the hijackers) are six or

seven people, armed with hand-

bombs and pistols," it quoted him

demands by the hijackers.

6:30 p.m. (1500 GMT).

Radio reported.

flight to Kuwait.

dle East should be achieved only through an international conference under United Nations au-

Petra said the talks were con-

Hijackers demand release of 17

pro-Iranian prisoners in Kuwait

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Hijack- denied by the Kuwaiti govern- ports, are crew members ers forced a Kuwaiti airliner to ment.' They tied the passengers' Kuwait Airways said the air

land in northeastern Iran Tuesdy hands and seated them in the rear er was carrying 96 passengers and and demanded the release of 17 section of the plane." er was carrying 96 passengers and 15 crew.

The release of 17 pro-Iranians

jailed in Kuwait for political vio-

lence is a frequent demand of

militants sympathising with Iran's

Islamic revolution. Kuwait has

According to reports from

Bangkok, there are five more

fordanian nationals aboard the

plane. Two of them were identi-

fied as Ghasan Al Rama and

Yousef Saadi Oataineh. The

other three, according to the re-

always refused to consider it.

The King's meeting with the secretary of state was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. The U.S. side to the talks included Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and American Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth.

There was no decision," Masri told reporters after the meetng, Reuter reported.

He gave no details but indicated Jordan was ready for more discussions, "We're still talking,"

Kuwait Airways said the airlin-

The passengers included 22

Britons, the British Foreign

Office said. Reports from Bang-

kok said the passenger list also

included 31 Kuwaitis, eight

Thais, three Australians two

The crew member included

Saudis, a Japanese and a

four Egyptians; three each from

Kuwait and Jordan; and one each

from Yemen, Sudan, Iraq, the Philippines and Thailand.

Lebanese.

Shultz has said he wants clear responses to his proposals from Israel and Jordan. He had flown to Amman from Israel where he was due to return Tuesday night.

A senior Jordanian government official told Reuters on Monday: "We have not got anywhere with this American proposal and we will not get any-where. But we don't want the Arabs to take the blame for its failure. Informed sources told the Jor-

dan Times that Shultz did not have "anything new" to present during his talks in Amman. 'Shultz did not convey any new Israeli position over the principle of exchanging land for peace."
the source, who asked not to be identified, added.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, whom Shultz met Monday, has said he would not accept any peace settlement that entails Israeli withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

The source as well as other informed sources told the Jordai Times that Jordan and Syria had also asked for "clarifications over certain elements" in the U.S. peace plan but Shultz did not present any of these clarifications in his talks here Tuesday.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman described Shultz's talks in Amman as "useful, thoughtful discussion," news agencies reported. Asked if there was any change

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## Israeli army continues mass arrests, collective punishments

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers continued a mass arrest campaign in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip Tuesday and a 16-year-old Palestinian lost his left eye after troops in Gaza shot him with a rubber

Reports said at least 13 Palestinians were arrested overnight in the West Bank and

Soldiers sealed off eight shops in Bethlehem as part of their campaign of mass arrests and collective punishments aimed at quelling the almost four-month-old Palestinian up-

In the West Bank, Jewish settlers shot and wounded a Palestinian in the village of Mazraat Gharbiyeh near Ramallah Tuesday, reports said. There was no information immediately available on the circumstances.

Troops clamped a curfew on Al Yamoun village near Jenin after arresting several residents and demolishing the home of a Palestinian suspected of "incitement," sources quoted by Reuter said.

In the Gaza Strip, a 16-yearold Palestinian lost his left eye when hit by a rubber bullet during an anti-Israeli protest in

room of a Gaza resident suspected of throwing stones and petrol bombs at Israeli targets.

Police also arrested overnight seven Palestinians from the occupied territories suspected of "inciting" Israeli Arabs to demonstrate in the village of

Residents of the occupied

Bethlehem, which usually bustles with pilgrims during the tual ghost town.

Khan Yunis, army radio reported. Troops sealed overnight the

Palestinian sources said.

Jisr Azarqah.

territories complied with a call by the underground Palestinian leadership for a general strike and two days of demonstrations to protest U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's visit.

Easter week, turned into a vir-A dozen protesters hurled the main road, and some 400 residents murched through Bethlehem to protest the killing of an Arab boy by soldiers over the weekend.

In Gaza city, shops were shuttered and Palestinian flags flew from rooftops and utility

Rashad Al Shawaa, deposed by Israel as mayor, said troops closed all bakeries, which were exempted from heeding strike calls. He also said electricity to the city was cut off, but the army denied it was a punish-

Anti-Shultz slogans were spray-painted on the walls in Ramallah. "A (Palestinian) meeting with Shultz is national treason, they proclaimed. Down with the Shultz solu-

In the four months of anti-Israeli protests. 138 Palestinians have died, one Israeli soldier has been killed and three Israelis have died in a bus

## 2 PLO fighters killed, 4 Israeli soldiers injured in border clash

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) -The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said a commando units penetrated into northern Israel early Tuesday and fought Israeli troops at the settlement of

Kiryat Shmona. "Our armed unit aimed to attack énemy military targets there," said a statement issued in Sidon by Fateh, the largest PLO faction.

"The unit succeeded in arriving at its target in Kiryat Shmona where fierce fighting raged between our commandos and the Israeli enemy."

of fighting. The Israeli defence minister,

Reports in Israel said two Palestinian commandos were killed and four Israeli soldiers wounded in more than four hours

Yitzhak Rabin, told reporters at the scene that the "whole group was eliminated," but a security source in South Lebanon told Reuters three commandos

planes dropped the chemical

weapons March 30 and 31. He

called for a U.N. fact-finding

team to visit Baghdad and ex-

amine 88 soldiers severely

Iran accused Iraq late last

month of using chemical arms to kill 5,000 Kurds in Halabja after

wounded in the attack.

Palestinian groups have vowed to step up attacks against Israel to support the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip. The Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) said three of its fighters ambushed an Israeli patrol inside Israel's self-declared South Leba-

non "security zone" Tuesday. The PLF, headed by Mohammad Abbas, said its fighters clashed for about two hours with Lif, about four kilometres inside

Lebanon. It said the three fighters were wounded, one seriously, but managed to return to Sidon after destroying an Israeli armoured personnel carrier and a fourwheel-drive vehicle, killing or name. Motti. wounding the occupants.

Reporters in Sidon said they were not allowed to speak to the commandos who were taken to the town's Saad Savel hospital.

According to Israeli army spokesmen, Israeli troops surrounded the Fateh commando unit trying to infiltrate overnight from Lebanon and attacked escaped because it was dark. them Tuesday at dawn's first

attempted infiltration in four and and dozens of hand grenades on

on a hangglider coasted into Israel and killed six Israeli soldiers before being shot to death himself.

Israel's northern border is closely protected by troops, a pro-Israeli Lebanese militia as well as electrified fencing, low light television cameras and other sensors designed to thwart any attempt to break in from South Lebanon.

Troops initially spotted a band of fighters just metres from the the patrol in the village of Beit Israeli border near Kfar Yuval north of Kiryat Shmona late Monday, the army said.

"We called on them to surrender and their response was with gunfire. Of course we answered with gunfire," said the unit commander, who gave only his first

An army spokesman said soldiers surrounded the fighters and "at first light of morning, attacked then.

The clash lasted two hours, according to a senior army official. He said soldiers at the scene believed they killed all the commandos, but it was possible some

The army statement said troops found Kalashnikov rifles, a rock-It was ninth penetration or et-propelled grenade launcher a half months, since a commando the bodies of the two.

## Pravda says Moscow, Kabul reach accord over pullout

MOSCOW (Agencies) - Afghan President Najibullah and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze have confirmed the Soviet troops will leave Afghanistan with or without an agreement in Geneva peace talks, Pravda said Tuesday.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper said the confirmation came during talks between Najibullah and the visiting Soviet foreign minister in Kabul Monday.
"The sides confirmed that the programme of actions outlined will

be implemented regardless of how the situation at the Afghan-Pakistani talks in Geneva ultimately develops." Pravda said in a report from Kabul.

If the Geneva process is not concluded with the signing of the appropriate agreements, the Soviet Union and Afghanistan will act in ways dictated by their national interests," it said.

Pravda said the two sides also discussed trade and cultural relations but gave no more details of the discussions about a withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan helping the government fight Western-backed rebels.

Shevardnadze arrived in Kabul Sunday saying he would confer with Najibullah on the U.N.-sponsored talks in Geneva, where Soviet and U.S. negotiators are struggling to agree terms for a pull-out.

Moscow has agreed to begin withdrawing its troops two months after an agreement is signed in Geneva and to complete the process within nine months.

But the agreement has snagged on disagreement over a U.S.

demand for "symmetry" — a simultaneous halt to U.S. military aid to the rebels and Soviet arms deliveries to Afghanistan.

Elections begin Meanwhile the Afghan government held parliamentary elections

The government issued fresh appeals to the rebels to participate and invited U.N. human rights officials to monitor the polls. A statement by a pro-government political alliance carried by the official Bakhtar news agency Tuesday said: "All the people of Afghanistan, including the opposition forces, (must) ... take an active part in this important phenomenon."

The elections will run until April 14. Voters will directly elect a 229-seat house of representatives and one-third of a 186-seat senate. Another third of the senate will be chosen by provincial councils and the remainder nominated by President Najibullah.

### Iran and Iraq resume missile duel in earnest Aziz said Iranian artillery and

NICOSIA (Agencies) - Iraq and Iran blasted each other's cities with missiles Tuesday in a drama-

tic escalation of the so-called "war of the cities." Tehran's Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Revolutionary Guards lobbed 12 missiles into Umm Qasr, Iraq's

southern port city, destroying economic and military targets. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said its gunners lobbed five projectiles into Iran, hitting Tehran with two, Oom with another two and Isfahan with one.

IRNA confirmed the attacks on Qom, seat of Iran's religious hierarchy, and the central city of Isfahan, capital of the ancient Persian empire. It said in the first, pre-dawn attack on Qom, 15 civilians were killed. In the other "They told us: 'Don't worry, two "we are after redressing our rights jured. two "dozens" were killed or in-

The Iraqi agency said the missile attacks were in retaliation for long-range artillery bombardment and missile attacks against Basra, in southern Iraq.

It said "dozens" of civilians were killed or wounded in these attacks, saying they have continued unabated since Monday

IRNA also claimed an Iraqi plane was downed Tuesday in northeast Iran, where the two sides have been fighting for control of the strategic Kurdistan

region. Iraqi missile attack on Isfahan Tuesday came after an Iranian missile raid on the Iraqi oil centre of Kirkuk.

An Iraqi military spokesman said the Iranian missile hit a crowded area of Kirkuk, killing or wounding a number of people. Iran said the rocket was fired in retaliation for Iraqi air raids on Isfahan and Tabriz. The attacks marked the full resumption of the "war of the cities" after a three-day lull dur-

ing a visit to Baghdad by Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ózal. Iraq has launched 128 missiles at Iranian settlements since the strikes on civilian areas erupted in late February. Iran has fired

more than 50 missiles at Iraqi A military statement from Baghdad Monday night said Iraqi iets bombed oil installations in

town of Salahi. ary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Monday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz accused Iran

the southern Iranian town of Mashahr and other targets in the

of using chemical weapons in the Halabja area of northeast Iraq.

it had been allegedly seized by Iranian forces. Perez de Cuellar is to meet with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larijani and Aziz in New York this week in search of a cease-fire in the war.

The Iraqis threatened Monday In a message to U.N. Secretto level Iran's cities in revenge for the northern offensive. Iranian invaders are 120 kilometres from the Kirkuk oil fields, which account for more than half of Iraq's crude oil production.

## Somali-Ethiopian deal reflects concern with rebel threat

By Jonathan Wright Reuter

NAIROBI — Unexpected progress in peace talks between Ethiopia and Somalia reflects Addis Ababa's preoccupation with rebels in the northern provinces of Tigray and Eritrea. diplomats said Tuesday.

Ethiopia announced Monday that the two Horn of Africa neighbours had resumed diplomatic relations after an 11year break and agreed on a series of confidence-building measures prior to further talks on demarcating their disputed border.

The agreement followed

more than two years of talks

stalemated by differences over

which should come first - rec-

not set a date for talks on the "We were a little surprised to hear of the agreement. It's a reflection of events in northern Ethiopia. If there hadn't been a crisis (in Tigray and Eritrea),

the talks would probably have

dragged on in the same old

"It says a lot about the posi-

tion of the (Ethiopian) govern-

ment in the north. They may

see it as an even bigger disaster

way," one diplomat said.

ognition of the existing border

or measures such as a troop

than they have said in public," he added. Tigrayan and Eritrean rebels

two countries will withdraw their troops 10 to 15 kilometres committee.

Ababa-based diplomat added. Under the agreement, the

320,000 troops permanently on the Somali front since the end The diplomats said they ex-

perted Addis Ababa to move some of them north as soon as The Ethiopian press said

Tuesday the accord was reached after the Somalis agreed to put the border de-

which they describe as an unofficial administrative line inherited from British and Italian colonial authorities.

ment fighting for self-deter-mination for ethnic Somalis in the Ogaden. But diplomats in Mogadishu said the majority of Somalis saw advantages in better rela-

Tuesday.

"It will relieve the pressure on the military side of the budget." one diplomat said. Somalia, with a population of about seven million, maintains some 65,000 men under arms.

tions with Addis Ababa.

disengagement along the 1,600say they have made rapid advances against the Ethiopian kilometre frontier.

Diplomats based in Mogafrom the border by May 15 dishu and Addis Ababa said the under the supervision of a joint army in the past month. accord, signed in the Somali capital Sunday, was closer to the Somali position in that it did The Somali military esti-**NEWS ANALYSIS** mates that Ethiopia has stationed about 150,000 of its

The government has reacted by announcing a general mobilisation and one diplomat said the army was calling up reserving to move to the northern "In the circumstances it's a

comfort for the Ethiopians to see a settlement on the eastern (Somali) front. The surprising speed of the agreement in Mogadishu clerly reflects anxiety about the north," the Addis

of their Ogaden war in 1978.

marcation on the agenda. But Somali officials had nev-

Somalia did make a concession in promising to drop its support for the western Somali Liberation Front, the Mogadishu-based guerrilla move-

er refused to discuss the border.



Cigarettes, like drugs are a lucrative business for smugglers. This file photo shows confiscated cigarettes burned by customs officials.

April 7 is World's 1st No Tobacco Day

## Smoke to smoke, ashes to ashes

In this first of two articles Sana Atiyeh reports on the dangers of smoking and the business behind it

AMMAN — Lung cancer, a killer disease that is the direct result of smoking tobacco, is found in countries where cigarettes have been available for at least 20 years. In Jordan, cigarettes have

been manufactured since 1931. Medical research has confirmed that smoking is the easiest way to contract lung cancer, depending on the number of cigarettes smoked. Lung cancer is the most common form of cancer diseases, affecting 25 per cent of all cancer sufferers and 95 per cent of these have been caused by smoking. The death rate from lung cancer in heavy smokers is forty times higher than that of non-smokers.

Smoking tobacco is not only a major cause of lung cancer and other lung diseases, but also coronary diseases and ulcers. Smokers also run a higher risk of other forms of cancer: Mouth, throat, trachea, bronchus, pharynx, larynx, pancreas, bladder and kidney cancers.

Most patients with chronic bronchitis and breathing difficulties are described as being mostly smokers. In the United States for example, a 1984 report indicates that the death ratios between smokers and non-smokers from chronic lung diseases was even greater than those with lung cancer.

Studies also indicate that smokers have a higher risk in experiencing an increase in the occurrence and recurrence of peptic ulcers, and a delay in their healing, from which the risk of death is doubled for smokers

According to World Health Organisation (WHO) figures, 2.5 million people around the world die each year from diseases related to tobacco smoking.

In the United Kingdom alone, at least 100,000 people die each year from causes related to smoking, according to research. This number exceeds the number of deaths from 2,000 Jumbo Jets crashing each year. In terms of numbers of deaths and illness which cigarette smoking causes in the Middle East, studies show that victims of smoking are rapidly catching up with Western coun-

Smoking tobacco also reduces women's infertility. It affects the reproductive system and in many cases it delays conception. Some women-smokers may altogether become infertile. Smoking also reduces the strength of the male

All doctors agree that smoking should be avoided during pregnancy. Smoking mothers have smaller babies of lower birthweight than non-smokers, and habitual smoking after the fourth month of pregnancy can result in mental and physical retardation in later childhood. This is due to the lack of oxygen that reaches the brain of the factus.

#### Smoking in Jordan

According to the latest study conducted on smoking in Jordan at the end of 1982, about 58 per cent of the population — 71 per cent of the males and 44 per cent

ages of 15 and 70 indulge in the habit of tobacco smoking. The study, published by the University of Jordan, showed that 52 per cent of smokers consume 20 to 39 cigarettes a day, 15 per cent smoke 40 to 59, and four per cent

smoke 60 to 70 cigarettes a day. The survey also showed that 57 per cent of smokers started the habit between the ages of 15 and 19, and 26 per cent started between the ages of 20 and 29. The highest percentage of smokers were found among mechanics (89 per cent), drivers (84 per cent), and labourers (80 per cent). It was also found that 51 per cent of physicians were smokers. The lowest rate of smokers was among housewives, with 37.3 per cent, according to the study.

There are several efforts being exerted in Jordan to combat tobacco smoking. The Health Ministry recently launched a campaign to enforce regulations banning smoking in public transport and public gathering halls, such as cinemas and theatres. According to the ministry's regulations, played in all public places, and that those places that do not abide by the regulations could be embounded or closed down.

There is also the national Jordanian Anti-Smoking Society which campaigns against smoking. Dr. Samih Amer intends to open an anti-smoking clinics to help addicts to quit.

#### Case histories

Several smokers, and smokers who quit were interviewed by the Jordan Times. All those interviewed agreed that smoking is of the females - between the addictive, and all those who quit

admitted that they felt physically and psychologically healthier than they did when they were after quitting, tobacco smoke them. All of them said that they quit for health reasons.

"My doctor told me: "You either breathe or smoke. You cannot have both'," Joseph, 35, told the Jordan Times. After smoking two packs a day for fifteen years, Joseph quit only three months ago because he was suffering from severe breathing difficulties.

"I started having dizzy spells, and my chest hurt at night and it took me hours before I was able to sleep. I would stay up till two or three in the morning," Joseph

He admitted that he sometimes feels an urge to smoke but when he remembers how he felt when he smoked, his urge disappears. He believes that if one is psychologically convinced of smoking hazardous effects then stopping to smoke is very easy.

"I sleep much easier at night and my lungs feel clean. When I wake up I feel fresh and healthy. My food tastes better and my sense of smell is coming back after being dormant for so many years. When I quit smoking I weighed 54 kilogrammes; now I weigh 62," Joseph confessed, adding that it now bothers him when others smoke around him. He said that it was easier to quit not baving anyone in his home

Walid, 47, smoked a pack of cigarettes a day for ten years before he quit and never smoked again. He said that he stopped after seeing a television programme that showed the lungs of a smoker (black) and a non-smoker's (red).

"The only negative aspect of not smoking was that I gained so much weight. But my sexual urge definitely improved," Walid added, noting a point agreed by

all those who quit smoking. Salma, 25, smoked up to two packs a day for seven years before she quit three weeks ago. She said that she always wanted to quit "everytime I put my cigarette out. But I had to quit for sure this time because I reached a point where walking up two flights of stairs was almost impossible," she told the Jordan

Salma added that she still smokes two to four cigarettes a day, but does not buy them anymore. Though she refused to is better than suffering an ea admit that she is addicted to painful and slow death.

cigarettes her excuse of smoking several cigarettes a day is: smoke occasionally in order tosmoking. They also agreed that remind myself that what I'm missing is not so great, and to enjoy from others began to bother the pleasure of smoking at the same time."

Some people do not want to quit smoking and most of the time cannot. Ruba, 25, started smoking three and a half years ago. She started with five cigarettes a day and now smokes up to thirty. She tried to quit twice and only succeeded for two 'months.

"I started getting nervous and easily irritated, and I craved for a cigarette after my meals," she confessed. Although Ruba admits that she has difficulties breathing when she sleeps at night, and suffers from throat pains, she said: "I enjoy

Ruba, who grew up with smoking parents, added that it does not bother her if she might get hung cancer from smoking. "I'm going to die anyway and it does not scare me," she claimed.

Another heavy smoker who has been indulging in this habit for over 20 years admits that he is

for over 20 years admits that he is both physically and psychologi-cally addicted to tobacco and

particularly cigarettes.

Abdullah, 42, said that he would not, and could not quit until he reaches a point of being severely sick. "I have to keep fainting, get cancer or suffer a heart attack before I completely stop smoking," he noted, adding that he suffers from dizzy spells and physical fatione. and physical fatigue.

This smoker has a dilemma with cigarettes because he enjoys and hates smoking at the same time. Abdullah, however, believes that if smoking was not allowed in the office, where he spends most of the hours of his day, and public places, he would either quit the habit completely or at least cut down tremendously.

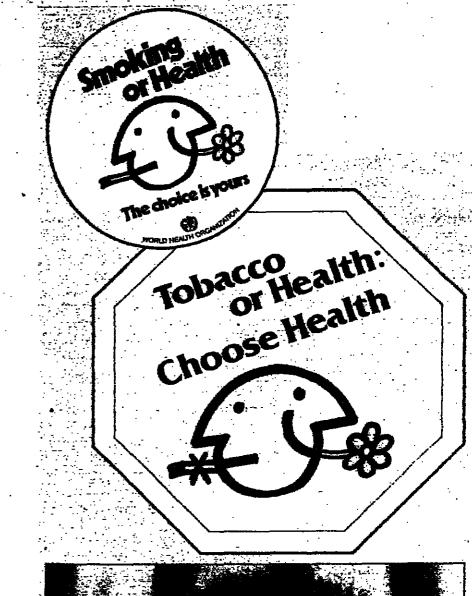
Most of those who are habitual smokers know the damages and dangers of tobacco smoking and know its addictive nature. But yet, there are many who refuse and cannot quit, and do not want to suffer the temporary withdrawal symptoms: Irritability, aggression, anxiety, inability to concen-trate and a severe craving for tobacco which often leads to relapse and to the failure of subsequent attempts at abstinence. But smokers must remember that being obnoxious for a few months is better than suffering an early,

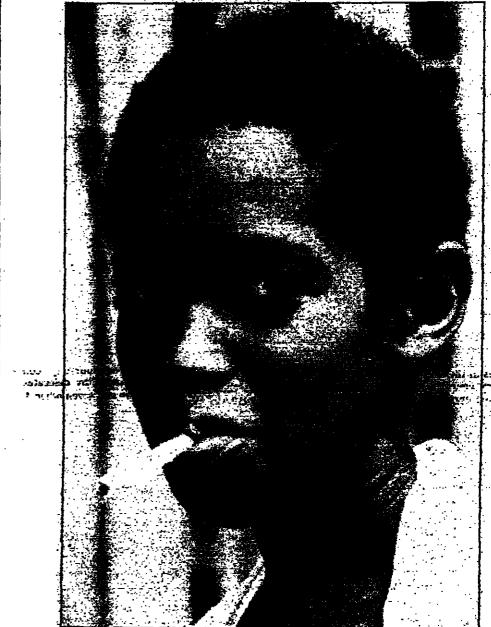
## Smokeless cigarette dangerous to your health

TOKYO - A World Health Assembly resolution which states that "tobacco in all its form is compatible with the attainment of health" commits nations to take action against the new so-called "smokeless cigarette," according to Dr. Roberto Masironi, chief of the World Health Organisation's tobacco or health programme.

The resolution sets out a world-wide campaign against what is described as the "current pandemic of smoking and other forms of tobacco use," he explained, and was adopted by WHO's governing authority in May 1986. Its provisions are binding morally on the

The smokeless cigarette was unveiled at a news conference in New York last September. It has been described by the manufacturer, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, as "the world's cleanest cigarette," according to press reports. The reports also describe it as containing carbon monoxide and nicotine, as well as being promoted as "ashless," in addition to "smokeless," and hence "clean." - WHO news.





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## WHAT'S GOING ON

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

Art exhibition by Mohammad Boulis and Mounira Al Tunisiah at the Housing Bank Gallery (runs through

⇒ First School Arts Exhibition at Ahmad Touqan School. Open during school hours until June 1988.

☆ An art exhibition by Mohammad Abu Zreiq at the Alia Art Gallery.

★ Exhibition entitled "Groundwater and Mineral Resources in Jordan eration" at the Ministry of Energy

An art exhibition by Samer Tabbaa' at the National Museum of Fine Arts. \* Plastic art exhibition by students at the University of Jordan.

# Plastic art exhibition by Dekran Yorgian at 5:00 p.m. at Plaza Hotel. \* Exhibition of photographs of Jordan at the Spanish Cultural Centre at 5:00

★ Exhibition of Abdul Salam Kanaan, at Yarmouk University (runs through

★ Exhibition of central heating equipment by Chappee' fideal Standard of France. From 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Royal Automobile Club. (runs until WORKSHOP

#### A specialised workshop on medical research, at University of Jordan Manpower Development Centre (runs until April 10). TELECONFERENCE

☆ Teleconference on Linguistics (re-

## cent developments on phonents) at 3:00 p.m. at the Yarmouk University-Irbid, at the Presidency Building.

☆ Winterspell (German - with English subtitles) at Mu'ta University.

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CONFERENCE

★ Arab Dental Conference at the Royal Cultural Centre (runs through April 10).

## SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn., 1:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Hotiday Inn. Rotary Chib. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00

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#### CHURCHES

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## Health ministers pledge support for victims of Israeli repression

By Rama Atalla Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Arab Health Ministers' Council ended its 13th session here Treeday pledging over \$250,000 worth of medical support for victims of Israeli repression in the occupied territories. During its three-day session, the council also adopted resolutions to Arabise the teaching of medicine and health sciences in the Arab World, to give priority to Arab manufactured drugs, to reduce infant meriality rates in the area and to continue cooperating with

international organisations on health matters.

The council allocated \$100,000 for 200 fully-equipped first aid kits to be delivered through the International Red Cross to the occupied Arab territories, according to the recommendations

issued at the end of the conference.

Another \$100,000 would be channelled through the Jordanian Health Ministry to pay for medical expenses incurred by Palestinian victims who are forced to get treatment at Israeli hospitals. The funds will be provided by the Arab Fund for Health Development (AFHD).

"The aprising gets its share of immediate attention here (in Jordan)." Jordan's Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh told a press

conference held after the council's closing session. "There are allocations for patients who come from there to be treated both here and abroad," added Hanzeh, who is also president of the council's 13th session.

The remaining \$50,000 were allocated for the Jerusalem St.

John's Hospital. In addition to these funds AFRD will immediately provide five ambulances for the transportation of victims to hospitals and health centres in the occupied territories. For further support of medical services in the occupied territories, a committee was formed to follow up on the Islamic

conference decision taken to support the construction of an Arab Hospital in Jerusalem, according to Hamzeh. The council appealed to all Arab health ministers to continue their support for the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRC) to

enable it to offer medical services to the Palestin The Syrian and Jordanian health ministries along with the PRC were assigned to prepare a full report on the Israeli inhuman measures taken against Palestinians in the occupied territories, a report which will be presented at the next World Health Organisation (WHO) meeting.

On the issue of drugs in the Arab World, the council decided that "priority will be given by all ministries of health to the registration, circulation and purchasing of medications produced in the Azab region," according to Hauzeh.

During its 12th session in Sudan, the council discussed the issue

of Arabising medicine teaching in the Arab World. This year however, the council called for delegates to "request their governments to carry out the resolution through their universities and colleges starting this year," according to Hamzeh.

The contact also decided that in cooperation with international

bealth organisations, Arab countries should work towards lowering infant mortality rate by 50% by the year 1990, a recommendation made to the council by the United Nation's Children Fund

"This percentage is a crucial indicator for the development of health conditions in any country. Our countries still suffer from high infant mortality rates, and we are now being asked to put all our efforts to lower that rate by half," Hamzeh said. In the report presented to the council Monday, UNICEF stated

that the only way to achieve 50% reduction in miant mortality rates in the area is to have commitments from the government of every country at the highest level. According to the UNICES report, the mee's average infant mortality rate in 1980 was 110 per every 1000 live births.
On the issue of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome),

the council decided that an Arab committee would be formed to help fight against the killer disease through "the best available weapon: information and education about the disease," according

With regards to Iraq, Hamzeh said that the council did not receive any requests for help. "At this stage it seems that assistance is not needed. If, in the future, we are called upon to provide help,

we will not hesitate." On Monday, Lebanon had requested assistance from the council in the form of medications to fight cancer and tuberculosis. In its resolutions, the council appointed its Executive Committee to

examine what the AFHD could provide in assistance. Djibouti also requested assistance in the form of food supplies.

water-transportation equipment and clothing to help victims of famine and drought. The council also condemned Israeli brutality in the occupied

Arab territories and called on the WHO and the United Nations to take the proper measures to put an end to Israeli violations of haman rights.



JAPANESE ENVOY: Japan's ambassador designate to Jordan Makoto Watanabe Tuesday presented a copy of his credentials to Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. Watanabe succeeds Akira Nakayama who had been transferred to another post after serving for four years as his country's and Jordan. Watanake will however return to Japan shortly to be there when His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan makes his visit to Japan later this mouth (Petra photo)

### Geologists end conference, cable thanks to Crown Prince

AMMAN (Petra) — Participants in a three-day Jordanian Geological Conference Tuesday sent a cable of thanks and appreciation to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for patronising

their meetings. Concluding their three-day meetings, which started in Amman Sunday, participants called for supporting the current Palesti-nian uprising in the occupied Arab territories and for mobilising all Arab respurces towards the goals of countering the Israeli challenges and petting an end to the Iran-Iraq war.

Participants took a number of recommendations designed to bolster cooperation with Arab secondary schools.

geological unions and societies and to unify all geological terms, in addition to undertaking joint stu-dies and researches in the field of

Participants further called for the exchange of information and expentise, and for coordinating the work of the geological depart-ments in the Jordanian universi-

Participants called on all ministries concerned to absorb geologists in appropriate jobs where they are much needed, and called on the Ministry of Education to include goology as a separate subject in the curriculum of the

### Linguistic conference opens at Yarmouk University

IRBID (Petra) — Yarmouk University President Mehammad Hamdan Tuesday opened a conference on linguistics organised by the university's English Language Denartment.

The president made a speech on the occasion, pointing out the important subjects that are to be taken up by the participants who aim to raise the performance of

sities and the American and British cultural centres in Amman.

They will discuss subjects related to improving English language among students, the use of ters for learning English the influence of the mother on children in teaching foreign lan-guages and other related topics.

Delegates attending the confer ence come from universities in The four-day conference is Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, attended by delegates from Jor Quar, Kuwait, the United Arab dan and seven other Arab univer? Entranted Libya and Algeria.

## Jordan, Syria continue talks on agricultural cooperation

DAMASCUS (Petra, J.T.) -Jordan and Syria are continuing talks here on promoting their bilateral cooperation in agricultu-

The talks are being conducted by teams led by Minister of Agriculture Marwan Henoud and his Syrian counterpart Mohammad

The talks, which began Mon-day shortly after Hinoud's arrival here on a several-day visit, were described by the minister as aiming to achieve integration between Syria and Jordan in agri- and food industries.

cultural fields.

"Bilateral cooperation is not intended to help either of the two countries to make financial gains, but it is rather directed towards realising integration that can ensure food security," the minister

Such integration, he said, requires close coordination and cooperation in agricultural research programmes, carrying out joint ventures, exchange of expertise and cooperation in the development of animal wealth

## Government employees contribution to uprising amounts to JD 300,000

AMMAN (Petra) — One day's wages collected from government employees in all ministries and departments for the support of the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, amounted to JD 300,000.

The government, upon direc- Awqaf and Islamic Affairs. tives from His Majesty King Hussein, has deducted a one-day pay from the employees salaries within a national campaign to raise funds for the Palestinian people.

The funds are being channelled through the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Zakat Fund which also receives donations from various organisations and

individuals in the Kingdom. The JD 300,000 sum has been referred to the Zakat Fund Board Chairman Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat who is also Minister of

Khasawneh

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other Middle East issues.

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The two sides also reviewed

relations between Finland and

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The Finnish delegation later

visited the University of Jordan

and met with its President Abdul

Salam Al Majali who briefed the

visitors on the development of

the university and the activities of

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Khasawneh meets pan-Arab

committee

Also Tuesday Khasawneh met

with a committee entrusted with

studying the establishment of a

pan-Arab company for television

The committee was set up by

the Arab ministers of informa-

tion's standing committee to pro-

duce television programmes that

can be marketed in the Arab

The minister briefed the com-

mittee members on Jordan's in-

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causes of the Arab nation and the

continued support given to pan-

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Khayyat speaks to

preachers Sheikh Khayyat has said that Jordan will continue to support the Palestinian people's uprising with all its power and will help the oppressed people to achieve

Addressing a meeting of mosque preachers in the Greater Amman region, the minister outlined his ministry's arrangements for helping the Palestinian and the Zakat Fund's allocations for the victims of Israeli atrocities. He said that apart from the

millions of dinars being spent annually on the West Bank's Awque institutions and Sharia (Islanic Law) schools and the upkeep of Al Aqsa Mosque, it has now started to pay monthly salaries to more than 130 families of those martyrs who fell during the current uprising.

The fund pays monthly assistance to more than 900 university students in the East Bank who had lost contact with their families and parents in the occupied territories, the minister said. He said funds are being raised

banks, companies, employees and other different sources. Special committees have

The ministry's Secretary General Abdul Salam Al Abbadi addressed the preachers outlining the work and activities of the Zakat Fund, and the need for preachers to spread awareness among members of the public

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the uprising the theme of the

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for the poor and the needy. from individuals, organisations, He also briefed the preachers on the ministry's arrangements for the coming pilgrimage season embarked on a survey to deter- to Mecca.

about the need for raising funds



Information Minister Hani Al Khasawneh briefs the Finnish press delegation in his office Tuesday

## Surgeons to begin 16th conference Thursday

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Surgeons Society (JSS) will open its 16th conference in Amman Thursday under the patronage of Jordan University of Science and Technology President

Kamel :Ailonni.... The 400 Jordanian surgeons and physicians, who will take part in the meeting, are expected to eight foreign specialists in surgery

review 33 working papers dealing with transplants, plastic surgery, burns, surgery conducted on children, patients with liver diseases, and other topics, according to the chairman of a committee prepar-

He said tht the JSS has invited

to deliver lectures and take part in the conference's activities.

The JSS president told a pre conference on the eve of th. meetings that the conference will be part of the JSS's annual activities which also include seminars lectures held at hospitals and

## **Arab Dentists Union meeting opens today**

ing for the conference.

AMMAN (Petra) — The 15th review 60 working papers and 35 meeting of the Arab Dentists "scientific posters," presented by Union and the seventh Jordanian a total of 96 researchers from Dentists Conference will open at universities and research centres Al Hussein Youth City in Am- in the Arab World and abroad. man Wednesday under royal patronage.

cooperation with the Jordanian Dentists Association (JDA) will be attended by at least 800 de-ntists from Jordan, Arab and foreign countries, according to the JDA president.

The pan-Arab meeting, he said, is expected to last four days during which the delegates will

These papers all deal with de-The two meetings organised in dealing with teeth, the president The Higher Council of the Arab Dentists Union will hold six

refresher courses for the benefit of delegates, during which highly skilled dentists and specialists will dwell on dental affairs in detail.

There will also be a dental exhibition displaying materials

and equipment employed in d-

The dental health conditions t the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip and other pan- \ issues will also be taken up participants in the meetings. .. will also discuss amendments to statutes and bylaws governing the dentistry profession in the Arab

According to the JDA predent a number of veteran dentists who served for nearly 35 years will be honoured during the

#### **NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

IPU TALKS: A Jordanian parliamentary delegation left Amman for Guatemala to take part in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) meetings due to open Friday. The delegation, which is led by Dr. Hazem Nusseibeh from the Upper House of Parliament, includes Salman Al Qudah, Rizek Al Bataineh, Edward Khamis and the parliament's secretary general.

MINISTERS VISIT JUST: Kuwaiti Halth Minister Abdul Razzak Al Yousef and Bahraini Health Minister Jawad Al Arid Tuesday visited the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) and met with its President Kamel Ajlouni. They were briefed on the university's development and the activities of the medical faculty. AL HASHIMIYEH HALL: Zarga Municipality has announced a

tender for the construction of a public hall for the municipality to be named Al Hashimiyeh Hall which will be ready for manguration by Nov. 14, the date of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday. A municipality spokesman said that the 335-square-metre hall will in fact serve as a cultural centre, displaying the most prominent achievements in the country under the Hashemite family, and national heritage.

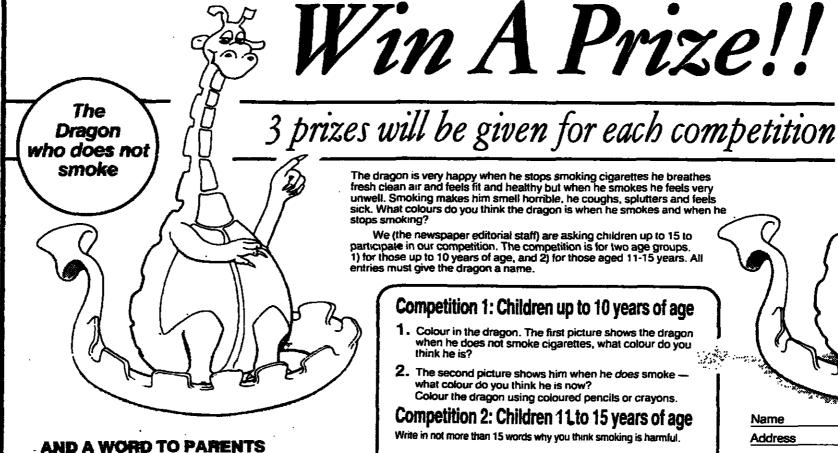
HONOURING THE STAFF: The University of Jordan will hold a ceremony Saturday to honour staff members who were promoted to the post of professors or assistant professors. On Sunday, the university will hold a "Science Day" during which several prominent doctors of medicine and professors will deliver lectures.

SCOUT CAMPS: The Department of Education in Koura district has organised two scout camps for students in the preparatory and secondary school stages. A total of 160 scouts and their leaders are taking part in the three-day camp activities.

89 WOMEN GRADUATE: A group of 80 women graduated from the Hamlan Community Development Centre Tuesday after completing four-month training courses in dressmaking, weaving, typing and artificial flower arrangement. Ministry of social development's secretary general who attended the graduation ceremony distributed diplomas to the graduates and later opened a week-long exhibition displaying embroideries, dresses, national costumes and other items.

HUSEINIEH ELECTIONS: The deputy governor of Ma'an announced the results of a municipal election for the town of Huseinich in Ma'an Governorate. The election, the first to be held in the town brought nine members to take charge of municipal services for the coming two years.

AMMAN CENTRE: The development of the central regions of Amman was discussed at a meeting by the Greater Amman Municipal Council held Tuesday under the chairmanship of Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh. The council discussed the subject in the light of a report presented by a special technical committee which also submitted recommendations for solutions of persisting problems impeding development of traffic directions and the business centre of



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#### Hard to swallow

UNITED States Secretary of State George Shultz's remarks to the press here yesterday simply heighten the scepticism that most people in the Arab World already felt about the latest American initiative. The United States is correct to try and mediate in a process that would lead to negotiations which would address the fundamental issues in the Arab-Israeli dispute. We and many others in the Arab World are pleased to see the United States attempt to re-engage in the diplomatic process. But we are surprised - well, maybe we're not really surprised, after all these years, but we're amazed - that the American approach should still be distorted by such an imbalance in favour of Israel and against the Palestinians. Mr. Shultz's forthright declaration in Israel and again in Amman that he is against a Palestinian state, against a return to the 1967 borders and against the participation of the PLO, suggests to us that he approaches the peace-making task with a rather awesome handicap. For on key issues of substance - such as recognition of Israel, the inclusion of the PLO or the national rights of the Palestinians - the Shultz approach is too partial to Israeli concerns.

The philosophical basis of his approach is that Israel's right to exist in secure and recognised borders is the paramount principle of the peace-making process, and that once the Arabs have accepted this the negotiating process may proceed. We feel this is unfair and unworkable. The problem in Palestine is one of assuring the national rights and the physical security of two peoples - Palestinians and Israelis - and a credible peace-making approach must be based on the principle of mutual and simultaneous national rights being assured for both

Mr. Shultz's claim that his approach is fair and balanced is hard to swallow. Yet, all sides persist in talking to him because both Arabs and Israelis recognise the need for justice and peace in the Middle East. He should not confuse a desire for peace with a willingness to acquiesce in distorted proposals which reflect a greater sensitivity to Israeli than to Arab concerns. Let us hope that further talks with all the concerned parties will generate the kind of balance that is needed to launch a genuine peace process.

#### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Zionist designs

TODAY we do not want to discuss Yitzhak Shamir's position with regard to peace and the U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's proposals, because Shamir's Zionist views are well known. His position is based on the basic principles of Zionism which are characterised with arrogance, racism and terrorism. Shamir is a natural outcome of the backward Zionist mentality, completely blinded by the lust for power and bent on carrying out policies of oppression against the Palestinian people. We want to look at Shimon Peres's attitude and statements in which he said Israel does not accept the PLO, does not accept the idea of a Palestinian state and does not want to return to the 1967 borders. This attitude is backed and supported by Shultz who has just concluded yet another round of talks with Israeli leaders. If Israel refuses to return to the pre-1967 borders and if the U.S. supports such a position, we must ask now why is the U.S. trying to solve the problem and why should there be an international conference which would not be able to return Arab lands to their lawful owners? The Arabs want an international conference to reach a lasting solution for the problem and a return of all Arab lands, but Israel wants to keep all the land and wants some form of international recognition of its occupation of this land. Israel's position conflicts with U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 which emphasised the inadmissibility of occupying other territories by force. Both the Americans and the Israelis are wrong to believe that any settlement can be achieved without the re-establishment of the rights of the Palestinian people.

#### Al Dustour: A reminder to Shultz

THERE is no need for us to remind U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz of the Jordanian position with regard to Middle East peace settlement because he knows too well this position. It would rather be more useful to explain to the American secretary, who arrives, Tuesday here on the second leg of his current tour, that Jordan's position emanates from the pan-Arab and unanimous stand adopted by the Amman Arab summit meeting last November. We ought to remind Shultz of the need for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and necessity of holding an international conference to implement these resolutions. We ought to remind Shultz that such a conference should be attended by all concerned parties and that it must guarantee peace in exchange for land. Any American initiative which does not conform to these just and rightful demands will not meet with success. We have no doubt that Shultz will understand the Arab position as he pursues his mission in our region and Jordan will no doubt listen to Shultz's ideas and proposals again and study them carefully. But it is indeed regrettable to see Shultz completely diverted from his course by adopting Shamir's stand, and supporting his ideas. We do not want to see Shultz trying to appease the Israeli prime minister who leads the most extremist elements in the Israeli society. If he does, then the U.S. initiative is bound to fail.

Sawt Al Shaab: Open to ideas

WE welcome any American ideas that can contribute positively towards the peace process in the Middle East if such initiative guarantees the rights of the Palestinian people in their own homeland. We welcome balanced ideas about peace free from Israeli domination and influence if such ideas are in the mind of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. The Arabs made their position clear more than once, particularly at their Amman summit meeting of last November, and they want a comprehensive and lasting peace. On the other hand, Israel is taking a totally different position. It is refusing the U.S. proposals and its leaders are adoptig ambiguous positions designed to stall for time and to waste the American initiative. Each of Israel's leaders is playing a different role in order to create confusion for the U.S. secretary of state and to force Washington to free its initiative. It is Israel which would be responsible for Shultz's failure in his mission, because of its intransigence and its refusal of peace bids.

## **Europarliament punishes** Israel over iron fist policy

By Andrew Whitley

TRADE RELATIONS between Israel and the European Community have turned markedly chilly in the wake of the European Parliament rejecting a new trade agreement and package of loans for Israel, in protest against its handling of the uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

In quick response, the Shamir government made clear to Arab farmers that their hopes of shipping their produce directly to Western European markets were most unlikely to receive Israel's blessing. Ariel Sharon, the hawkish trade and industry minister, went further, warning that further retaliatory steps were under consideration.

"I don't believe Israel can just take this punishment," he thun-dered. "It must certainly respond, and we are now definitely thinking of a series of steps we can also take."

What measures the Israeli govbreaching GATT rules or existing undertakings to Brussels under the 1975 trade agreement giving Israel preferential access to the EC for its farm produce are not immediately obvious. The two sides are already in dispute over an import levy the Community says is illegal.

Moreover, Israeli exports to the EC - boosted by the strength of their currencies against the U.S. dollar — have been the salvation of the country's manu-

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factured goods exporters over the past two years. Measured in dollar terms, last year they climbed by nearly a quarter over 1986 to reach a record \$2.4 billion.

Exports to the Community traditionally represent about a third of Israel's total outward trade flow. On the league table, the U.S. remains by far the largest single market, followed - an anomaly created by war --- by the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. But, collectively, the major West European economies are the most important outlet for Israeli agricultural and industrial products, particularly the former.

Over the past decade Agrexco and the Citrus Marketing Board, the principal state marketing organisations, have built up a powerful sales network with British and continental European fruit and vegetable wholesalers. Staying on top of changing tastes and promoting vigorously, the Israelis have virtually cornered the market for winter vegetables ernment can take without and cut flowers. The flower business alone is worth over \$100

> Like other Mediterranean countries such as Morocco, the biggest threat Israel currently faces in the EC comes from the accession of Spain, a major competitor in traditional Israeli exports such as citrus. To help Israel adapt to the phased-in tariff cuts on Spanish and Portuguese produce, and provide those countries with comparable access to the fast growing Israeli market,

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Open letter

Following is an open letter received by the Jordan Times Tuesday

from a group of Sri Lankans working in Jordan addressed to a

high-level official Sri Lankan labour delegation which is looking

into employment conditions of Sri Lankans in Jordan, but has

offered the total of only two hours to meet with any complaints.

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Mind the terms

DURING the past few months a number of articles have

appeared referring to Arabian "thoroughbred" horses. In refer-

ring to purebred Arabian horses, it is incorrect to use the term

horses that traces back to the 17th century when the first of three

unrelated Arabian stallions (the Darley Arabian) was imported in

1669 and bred to local English mares. Today's registered (Stud

Book) thoroughbreds can trace their lineage to the Darley

Arabian, Beyerly Turk, and/or the Goldolphin Arabian. In

general the breed is best known as the finest race horses, but are

also outstanding as equine athletes in other equestrian sports.

Through outbreeding, the thoroughbred has passed on its

attributes of refined features and intelligence to other well-known breeds such as the Trakehner, Selle Francais, American Stan-

dardbred and Saddlebred. The Anglo-Arab is a cross of a

Thoroughbred and an Arabian, either 50/50 or at least one

bloodlines are verified as being of only Arabian descent. This can

only be confirmed by written pedigree from recognised stud

books or registries such as the Arab Horse Society (United

Kingdom), The Royal Jordanian Stud Book, or the international

organisation of recognised studbooks, the World Arabian Horse

Desert bred can mean that either 1) a horse was bred by

bedouins or 2) that it can trace desert origins through its pedigree

to horses brought from the desert by, among others, Abbas Pasha

in Egypt, and Wilfrid and Lady Anne Blunt, founders of the

famous Crabbet Stud in England and the Sheykh Obeyd Stud in

Traditionally, the bedouin tribes would orate from memory a

pedigree for an animal going back several generations, particular-

ly on the female side of the line. But, today, these romantic

traditions are succumbing to the encroachment of civilisation; due

to the fact that over the centuries there have been so many foreign

incursions in this area, and usually on horseback from the

Crusades to World War I (Allenby's Palestine campaign), local

horses have lost the purity of bloodline. For this reason, only

those horses registered in recognised registries or stud books are

Hopefully, in the future, you will do your homework on equine

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prehensile upper lip. One can say that a horse nuzzles with his

A mare foals (verb) not fowls. She gives birth to a foal, either a colt (male) or filly (female).

Horses are measured either in centimetres or in "hands" which

equals an increment of 4 inches. An animal measuring 15 hands at

the withers (where the neck connects to the shoulder) would be 60

As the Arabian horse is an integral part of Arab history and

culture, it is important to disseminate information about this

noble creature to the general public. Please be sure that your

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The Arabian today is referred to as asil or purebred, when its

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an adaptation and harmonisation the Israeli figure. agreement - the Additional Protocol unceremoniously rejected late March in Strasbourg - was

concluded by the Commission. For the moment at least, Israeli cries of woe over the dire consequences for its farmers of the new treaty's rejection are unjustified. With the exception of cut flowers, an addition to the original regime, the tariff reductions envisaged for this year and next are modest. As the trade statistics show, more than compensating for the, probably temporary, delay in their introduction is the strength of European currencies

against the shekel. Set against the massive Israeli shipments to Western Europe by air and sea of everything from Chinese leaves to exotic hybrid fruits — all told worth about \$800 million in 1987 — the potential threat from Palestinian farmers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, given comparable access to the EC by Brussels under its October 1986 initiative, is pitifully small.

In almost every department quality control, packaging and marketing — the Israeli product is vastly superior. The only possible grounds for competition abroad are on price, and even there the Israeli farmer has access to subsidised credit and other benefits not available to his Palestinian counterpart. The sales of such Palestinian produce as tomatoes and oranges to the EC are unlikely at first to exceed

So why has Israel objected so strenuously to complying with a Community request to allow Palestinian farmers to ship their goods through Israeli ports inde-

pendently of Agrexco and the Citrus Marketing Board? Since the directive was issued by Brussels not one commercial export licence has been issued for an EC destination. The Israeli claim that to allow the Palestinians free access to its ports would contravene its law is bogus.

Shipments of Gazan oranges to Eastern Europe, where Israeli penetration has not gone far, have always been permitted through Ashdod port. The answer is almost certainly political and not economic. There is a deeply entrenched resistance within the Israeli establishment, irrespective of political affiliation, to allowing the resurgence of an awareness among the western public of a Palestinian national identity, even in the mundane form of a crate of tomatoes stamped "produce of the West

By urging Palestinian farmers in the occupied territories to send their goods to Western Europe through Jordan or Egypt instead, Israeli officials are probably banking on the likelihood that the economics of such round-about export routes, not to mention the spoilage along the way, would effectively kill its chances of suc-\$20 million, barely 2.5 per cent of cess — Financial Times.

## Sudan in a war it cannot afford

A long-running conflict between Sudan's north and south is attracting increasing international attention. Victor Mallet looks at the divisive political infighting.

"SUDAN," says a report by the United Nation's Children's Fund. "is big, poor and very hot." Like three of its neighbours in this unstable, hungry corner of Afri-ca, Sudan is also embroiled in a civil war it can little afford. The reverberations of the long-

running conflict between north and south, between Muslim and Christian, are increasingly being felt in the capital Khartoum after string of military successes for the southern rebel forces led by Colonel John Garang. More ominously, the war

seems to have attracted growing international attention from Arab states eager to help the Islamic north, and from African leaders intent on supporting their fellow black Africans in the south. With military backing from Ethiopia and tacit assistance from

Kenya, Col. Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) has ended the dry season in a position of strength. In January SPLA forces captured and held Kapoeta, the government's most easterly garrison

town in the south, in an attack which has strengthened their grip on the area around the southern capital Juba. Last year they struck northwards in what may have been a diversionary raid and captured Kurmuk and Qaysan near the

Ethiopian border. They were dislodged only by a heavy Sudanese counterattack funded and equipped by Arab states, including Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Since Sudan's civil war was reignited in 1983 after an 11-year hill, SPLA leaders have been demanding the abolition of Mus-

lim Sharia law and a better eco-

nomic and political deal for the The task has been made easier by recent events in the western province of Darfur, where Sudanese forces have done little to stop the comings and goings of Libyan-backed militiamen trying to infiltrate into Chad. The resulting insecurity, worsened by Chadian counterattacks and by

Weak leadership

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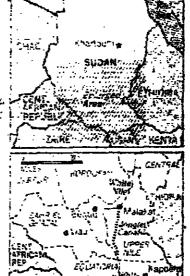
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Sadiq Al Mahdi, Sudan's prime minister, has the unenviable job of trying to make the peace which the country's 25 million people so desperately need. He may not have the necessary strength.

Following the overthrow of President Jaafar Numeiri in 1985, Sudan has developed into a democracy which thrives on freedom of speech but lacks clear direction and strong leadership.

A simplified diagram of Khartourn politics shows the traditional power of two Muslim families. One is the Mahdi family, leading the Ansar religious sect and the Umma Party, and well-disposed towards Libya. The other is the

have been in a flimsy coalition



government since the 1986 elections. On the sidelines are the increasingly influential Islamic National Front (INF), a gaggle of southern politicians, and the

The prime minister, politically besieged by Muslim hardliners and grappling with controversies over events in Darfur and the recent establishment of Iranian and Libyan cultural centres in Sudan, is himself as much an Islamic religious figure as a national politician. He seems unable to fulfil his promise to abolish Sharia and return decisively to the secular constitution prevailing before 1983. Instead the issue of the religion and the state has been deferred to a proposed constitutional conference.

INF policy suggests an uneasy compromise whereby Sharia law would apply in areas dominated by Muslims. The practice of amputating the limbs of criminals has already been discontinued by the government. In the meantime Mahdi Ibrahim Mohammad of the INF has few kind words for the Dinka ("They think they are the kinds of the Nile") or the prime minister ("Never in the history of Sudan has there been a weaker government").

Some northerners are so frustrated by the civil war that they have begun to call for the secession of the south. Others, pointing to the greater agricultural potential of the southern region and its control over unexploited oil reserves and the upper reaches of the Nile, have rejected the idea out of hand in favour of Sudanese

Sudan's economy, saddled with more than \$10 billion of foreign debt, dependent on foreign aid and exports of cotton, can barely afford the expense of the civil war and the bad publicity surrounding the conflict

The Sudanese are suffering, in their millions. "What one is seeing in the south is the destruction of the pastoralist economy," says Mark Duffield of Oxfam in Khartoum. "The war is having a devastating impact on what was before quite a strong economic and social system" - Financial Times feature. 

## Uprising provides Israeli Arabs with political agenda

In this last of three articles Lamis K. Andoni explores the relationship between Palestinians in Israel and in the occupied territories, and traces the evolution of Land Day.

I call upon you and clasp your hands I never stooped in my country Nor will I ever be humbled. Orphaned, naked and barefoot I confronted my oppressor, Carrying my blood in my palms I have never lowered my flags, And have always tended the grass upon my ancestors graves, I call upon and clasp your hands!

Tawfiq Zayyad, dedicated to the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

THE "self restraint" demonstrated by the 700,000 Israeli Arabs on the 12th anniversary of Land Day, March 30, is an indication that the Israeli Arabs are not ready for an all out direct involvement in the four-month Palestinian uprising.

Consequently analysts believe that the Israeli Arabs are most likely to confine their role to logistic, moral and economic support of the revolt of the people in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and In general this position is appreciated and understood among

Palestinian analysts both here and in the occupied territories. "We appreciate their dilemma," a West Bank Palestinian academic told the Jordan Times during a recent visit to Amman. According to the academic, who asked not to be identified, "they are afraid that if they became directly involved and the uprising ended, or failed to achieve its goals they would be the

Analysts agree that the Israeli Arabs cannot possibly join the uprising since such a step would undermine their long struggle for equal rights in Israel. "But the case will be the opposite if the uprising continued until the establishment of an independent Palestinian state," argues Abdul Jawad Saleh, the deported mayor of the West Bank town of Al Bireh.

"But if it stopped without achieving that end, the Palestinians of 1948 could risk losing all the achievements they have gained as a result of their struggle for equal status," he added.

But according to Samih Al Qassem, the prominent Palestinian poet, the Israeli Arabs have other extremely important national interests at stake if they were not careful in their support of the uprising.

In an interview with the Paris based Al Yom Al Sabee, Qassen explained that the Israeli Arabs campaign in support of the Palestinians in the occupied territories provoked dangerous "Our effective participation in the struggle of our people has

exposed us to a hysterical campaign by official Zionist circles; and voices emerged threatening us with a similar fate to that of our people," Qassem, who himself is an Israeli Arab, said in reference to the Israeli imposed exodus of the majority of the Palestinians in 1948. "As a reaction to our support the racist transfer and suppressive schemes were unleashed...but that will not stop the struggle of

our people until the sun of freedom shines on our homeland," Qassem, who is member of the Israeli Communist Party, Rakah, But Qassem asserted that these fears had not prevented the

Israeli Arabs from rendering all kinds of support, within their possible means, to the West Bank and Gaza. Committees were formed in all of the Arab villages of Israel,

with the support of progressive Israelis from the Communist and leftist parties and other peace groups, to provide economic help to the Palestinians in the occupied territories. Al Ittihad newspaper publishes detailed daily accounts of the Israeli army's oppressive measures in the West Bank and Gaza. It also publishes editorials severely attacking Israel's iron fist policy. The Arabic language paper, which is published by Rakah, was finally closed down two weeks ago accused by the Israeli government of provoking the people against the authorities.

According to the West Bank academic, Palestinian journalists in the occupied territories used to send all of the news which were censored by the Israeli military authorities to Al Ittihad for publication. "All I can say is that the Palestinians of 1948 are doing a lot to sustain the uprising although their support has not

reached an actual and direct involvement," the academic said. Regardless of the limits of the Israeli Arabs involvement in the uprising, analysts agree that the Palestinian revolt has greatly affected the Israeli Arab political movement. According to Saleh although the Israeli Arabs' political

movement has so far maintained a civil rights goals in contrast with the national struggle of the people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, ... "the movement is in the final analysis part of one struggle of one people." Just as West Bankers and Gazans believe that the status quo

cannot be maintained any longer and no return to the situation that prevailed before the uprising is possible, "the Palestinians of 1948 will not accept a return to racial and national descrimination practised by the Israeli authorities," Saleh asserted. The West Bank academic noted that despite the differences in

the slogans and declared objectives of both movements, the struggle of the Palestinians of 1948 and the Palestinians of 67 essentially revolves around the land and demographic elements.

"In both cases the solution viewed by many Israelis is the transfer, enforced deportation or expulsion, of all Arabs," he explained. "Thus the struggle is essentially one and the Palestinians of 1948 are growing more aware of that."

This awareness was expressed in their growing support for the PLO and for the establishment of the Palestinian state which were clearly expressed in a rally organised in Nazareth on January 21 in support of the uprising. On that "day of peace," as it is called, 40,000 Israeli Arabs chanted pro-PLO and other nationalist Palestinian slogan. On the same day, Knesset member Abdul Wahab Darawsheh resigned from the Israeli Labour Party

Separate incidents of stone and bomb throwings, and the raising of the Palestinian flag were also reported in Arab towns and villages in Israel, but analysts do not believe that the Israeli Arabs will officially endorse such tactics in the foreseeable future. Instead, analysts believe that a possible result of the uprising would be the "radicalisation" of wider sectors of Israeli Arabs,

something that would lead to the crystallisation of a unified Arab. platform for the next Israeli parliamentary elections. This assessment was shared by the Jerusalem Post's Arab affairs editor Yahuda Litani. He wrote on March 31 that "the self restraint demonstrated on Land Day in Israel showed how well

organised the Arab Israelis are." Litani concluded that it also showed "the growing strength among the Arabs of the Rakah party, which was the main force behind the day's events."

Mirghani family, linked to the Khatmiya sect and the Democratic Unionist Party, and friendly Mrs. Alma Lou Annab with Egypt. The Umma Party and the DUP 

## France, Iran said to have struck hostage deal

been struck under which France and Iran will resume diplomatic relations and three Frenchmen held by a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon will be released, knowledgeable sources said here

If there are no last-minute snags, the release could come "in the next few days," one source

The two sources declined to be identified but have proved reliable on hostage matters in the past. They said a special envoy of the French government spent two days negotiating with the hostage takers in their stronghold in

Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. They said the envoy, Alexandre Stefani, an associate of French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, and an unidentified Lebanese businessman, returned to Damascus Monday through a checkpoint on the Lebanese-Syrian border controlled by the Syrian army.\_

The sources said both were involved in previous negotiations which led to the release Nov. 27

last year of two French hostages. The three French hostages beld in Lebanon are Jean-Paul Kaufman, 42 a journalist seized May 22, 1985 and two diplomats, Marcel Carton, 63 and Marcel Fontaine, 46, seized March 22, 1985.

Their kidnapping was claimed by Islamic Jihad, a group loyal to Iran's leader Ayatollah Ruhollah

The two Frenchmen released last November were Jean-Louis Normandin, 34, tighting engineer for France's Antenne-2 television, who was kidnapped March

Tarazevich: Arms ban will not work

ABU DHABI (R) — A senior Soviet official has said Moscow was

not against imposing an arms embargo against Tehran but did not

believe sanctions would end the Gulf war. "We are not against an

arms embargo," Georgy Tarazevich, vice-president of the Praesi-

dium of the Supreme Sovier, told reporters Monday night. "But we

believe it will not end the war because Iran will manage to get

weapons from the black market and even the allies of those

canvassing for an embargo." Tarazevich, the highest ranking Soviet official to visit the United Arab Emirates since ties with

Moscow were established in 1985, held talks with senior govern-

ment officials on the war. He said Moscow was taking part in U.N.

consultations on a possible embargo, adding: "We have to work out something, but we do not want our ties with Iran to the

harmed:" The United States has been pressing for an arms

embargo to force Iran to accept last July's United Nation's

ceasefire call, but Western diplomats in the Gulf have said Moscow

DAMASCUS (AP) - Soviet Air Force Commander Air Marshal

Alexander Yefimov conferred with Syria's Defence Minister

Lieutenant-General Mustapha Tlas on expanding military links,

the Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) reported Monday. It said

the meeting at the Defence Ministry was attended by senior Syrian

and Soviet officers. Yehmov arrived in Damascus from Moscow

earlier Monday at the head of a large military delegation. He was

greeted at Damascus airport by Syria's air force commander, Major-General Ali Malahefji and senior air force officers, SANA

reported. Syria gets most of its military hardware from the Soviet

Union in its drive to achieve strategic party with Israel. SANA gave no other details on the Soviet mission. But it is the second

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DAMASCUS (AP) - A deal has 8,1986, and Roger Auque, 31, 2 freelance photographer kidnap-

ped Jan. 13, 1987 France broke relations with Iran last July in a dispute over an employee of the Iranian embassy in Paris who refused to give evidence to a French court on terror-

The sources reporting the latest deal gave no details. But one element involved in previous negotiations, along with re-establishment of diplomatic relations, has been repayment of a French loan from Iran under the regime of the Shah.

The Beirut daily Al Safir March 31 reported progress in "secret negotiations" to free the three bostages.

Speculation about a deal heightened in Paris when Pasqua intercupted an African trip to return to Paris last week and said he would meet with a Lebanese businessman, Naghib Zaher, who lives in the Ivory Coast and Paris.

French papers reported that Zaher was involved in talks leading to the release of Normandin

Last Saturday, Imran Adham, a Frenchman of Syrian descent who also has been involved in negotiations for the release of French hostages in Lebanon, arrived in Beirut. He made no statement and after arriving at Beirut airport could not be located by reporters.

France March 24 released a "We also armounce the presuspect, Mohammad Mohajer, a Lebanese, citing insufficient evidence to hold him for involvement in a series of 1986 bomb-

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

"Those who made Nov. 7 were end in the dustbin of history."

## Libya dismantles special Tunisia intervention unit

America from using Tunisian Arab territories against Libya,"

said Oadhafi. He was referring to

the removal of Tunisian President

Habib Bourguiba, who had made his country one of the most wes-

ternised nations in the Arab

Zine-Al Abidine Ibn Ali, the

prime minister and an army

general, claimed the 84-year-old

Bourguiba was incapacitated by

age and health and took power

under a constitutional provision

that allows such a act if the

president dies or is declared in-

Open borders

he had announced the abolition

of the border gate with Tunisia.

Starting today, said Qadhafi, "Arabs in both Libya and Tunisia

can enter and go out without this

regret that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak "had rejected the

opening of the borders." He said

he would send a letter to Egyp-

tian parties and organisations that

demand the opening of the

borders means that he has not

will at hand, or reflects his fear

for the Zionists and the Amer-

icans who fill Egypt's streets,"

JANA quoted Qadhafi as saying.

are unable to achieve these un-

ionist proposals, others will

achieve them," he said. "Victory

will be for these proposals. As for

those who oppose them, they will

"If the present Egyptian rulers

"Whoever refuses to open the

The Libyan leader expressed

gate standing in their way."

Qadhafi also told the meeting

ROME (AP) — Libyan leader among those who prevented Colonel Muammar Qadhafi said America from using Tunisian Monday he ordered the dismantling of a military unit formed to act inside Tunisia if the United States used that country to attack Libya, the official Libyan news

agency JANA said.

JANA, monitored in Rome, said Qadhafi also told the visiting Tunisian prime minister and cabinet that he ordered a division of troops withdrawn from the border with Tunisia.

Libya sent the troops to the border because, he claimed, before the new Tunisian government took power Nov. 7, the United States intended to use Tunisia to attack Libya, JANA

Tunisian Prime Minister Hede Baccouche and his country's council of ministers came to Libya to attend a discussion of unity with members of Libya's

Qadhafi said he also will insist on "opening the artificial borders with Egypt" and withdrawing military forces from there as part of his desire for a unified Arab

"To bolster confidence, fraternity, security and safety among the brothers in Libya and Tunisia, I announce the dismantling of the "Badr" formation, which was to act inside Tunisian Arab territories if America used it against Libya." JANA quoted Qadhafi as telling the meeting.

senting of the weapons of this formation as a gift to the Tunisian Arab armed forces," Qadhafi

high-powered Soviet military delegation to visit Damascus in the

ABU DHABI (AP) - The United Arab Emirates pledged

Monday to support Egypt's arms industry. Sheikh Khalifa Ibn

Zayed, Abu Dhabi's crown prince and deputy commander of the

UAE's armed forces, declared as he inaugurated an Egyptian arms

show: "We shall spare no effort to boost the Egyptian military

industries because that contributes to the national security of the

entire Arab Nation." He said that policy was being carried out on

the orders of UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahyan.

The UAE was the first Arab country to restore diplomatic relations

with Cairo last November after an extraordinary. Arab summit in Amman gave the Arab World the green light to do so.

TEL AVIV (AP) - An Israeli soldier who deserted the army and

met with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Europe

was sentenced to three and a half years in prison for desertion and

assisting the enemy, a military official said Tuesday. A military

tribunal found the soldier had not harmed Israel's "security," the

official said. But the court saw the soldier's contacts with the PLO

as "very grave" and therefore sentenced him to five years, one and

a half years of which were suspended. The soldier, whose name and

rank were kept secret, deserted the army last summer and went to Cyprus and then Europe, where he initiated contacts with a

member of Fatch, the mainwing of the PLO, the military official

said. The soldier got cold feet and cut off contacts with the group.

Israel army radio said. He was missing from Israel for 42 days, the Haaretz newspaper said. The soldier appealed his conviction to a

military appeals court but was denied, the military official said.

Israeli soldier jailed for PLO meeting

**UAE** backs Egypt's arms industry

## U.S. plans \$2 billion arms sales to Israel

WASHINGTON (R) - The Reagan administration told Congress Monday it intended to sell Israel 75 advanced F-16 C/D fighter planes for \$2 billion as a way to help bolster Israeli 'security.'

The new Defence Department proposal, if approved by Congress as expected, is part of a November 1987 U.S.-Israeli security agreement calling for fresh American military aid, which runs in excess of \$1.8 billion annually.

Israel aiready has 150 F-16s and the new, more advanced C/D models would be delivered over the next several years, Pentagon officials said.

The Jets are to be made by General Dynamics Corp, the primary F-16 contractor, with israeli coproduction, although details of the production plan were not disclosed.

The new F-16s are to take the place of the Lavi, a fighter Israel had started to build but dropped last year because of excessive costs, the officials said. It was already soaking up a major portion of U.S. military aid to Israel.

There was opposition to the Lavi programme both in the United States and in Israel, as well as opposition from American plane manufacturers who feared the Lavi would be bought by third countries in place of U.S.-built planes.

The proposed sale, which must be approved by Congress. was made as Secretary of State George Shultz was in the Middle East to press for Israeli approval of a U.S. peace plan. Any link between the prop-

osed sale and Shultz's Middle East mission was not immediately spelled out. The Pentagon also informed Congress Monday of other ma-

jor arms sales to the Middle East. They included sales to Egypt of 7,511 anti-tank missiles, with 108 launchers, for \$180 million and two Blackhawk helicopters for \$32 million.

The Pentagon also told Congress it planned to sell to the United Arab Emirates modification kits for five Hawk air défence missile batteries for \$168 million. It said it plans to sell planes

and missiles to Pakistan worth \$343 million, which includes 11 F-16 fighters for \$256 million and 200 Sparrow and 360 Side winder air-to-air missiles for a total of \$87 million. An Israeli foreign ministry

spokesman said Monday that Israel and the United States were about to sign a memorandum of understanding on economic, political and strategic

Ehud Gol said details of the memorandum were still being discussed between Israeli and American officials. He declined to disclose its contents. Israel Television said the

memorandum would be signed by the presidents of the two constries in simultaneous ceremonies in Israel and the U.S. April 21.

Gol said it was too early to say when the signing would take place because some of the document's clanses were still under discussion.

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## Arab justice ministers urge protection for Palestinian people

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Arab justice ministers have called for international protection of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, where Israel has been trying to quell the nearly four-month-old

ing, the ministers called Monday on the world community to pressure Israel into respecting the Geneva convention on treatment of civilians under occupation.

At least 136 Palestinians and an

Israeli soldier have died in the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza. A final statement denounced Zionist terrorism, citing reports

that Palestinians had been beaten, shot, burned and buried alive by Israeli troops.
It also criticised a decision by

the United States to close the United Nations office in New York of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The ministers approved a re-solution on the Iran-Iraq war urging implementation of last Ju-ly's U.N. Security Council resolution demanding a ceasefire. Delegates said Iraq and Syria clashed over the wording.

The ministers criticised Iran for attacks on Arab Gulf shipping. They blamed Iranian pilgrims for hundreds of deaths in clashes between Iranians and Saudi police in Mecca last July.

The meeting passed a common

At the end of a three-day meet- and other matters in accordance with Islamic law. It was the first common law to be approved by Arab states, Kuwaiti Justice Minister Dhari Abdulla Al Oth-

man told the closing session. But in deference to religious minorities in the Arab World, the law is not binding. The ministers agreed to continue work on a proposed unified civil code and common regulations for registration of real estate.

#### Hundreds beld in desert

The justice ministers' call for protection for Palestinians coincided with a report from a human rights group that bundreds of Palestinian prisoners are held in insanitary conditions with inadequate water at a desert prison near the Egyptian-Israeli border.

The Ramallah-based Al Haq Palestinian legal aid group said two of its executive members visited the Kitziot prison at the weekend and heard reports of "harsh and inhuman conditions" from Gaza lawyer Raji Sourani, who is detained there.

The prison was opened last month as an overspill camp to Arab law on personal status, house some of the 4,000 Palestiwhich regulates marriage, divorce nians arrested since the uprising

began in the occupied territories last December.

In a statement, Al Haq said the most acute problem faced by the prisoners was the lack of water. Water is available only from slowly dripping taps and though

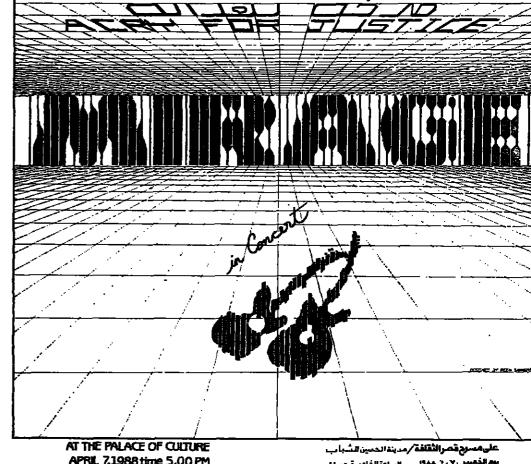
the prisoners have learned to collect the water as it drips, it is never sufficient to satisfy their thirst in the desert conditions, let alone to wash or perform the necessary ablutions before prayers," it said.

#### TWA hijack trial to begin end of May

DUESSELDORF (AP) - The trial of suspected TWA hijacker Mohammad Hamadi is expected to start in Frankfurt at the end of May, a Frankfurt court official said Tuesday. Mohammad Hamadi was charged in February with murder, hijacking, hostagetaking and other crimes stemming from the June 1985 hijacking of a TWA plane to Beirut during which a U.S. navy diver was killed and 39 Americans held hostage for 17 days. Frankfurt state court spokesman Falk Tho-mas said the exact date of the trial's opening remained to be set but that it was expected at the end of next month. He added that the court will hold hearings three times a week in the case.

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## Shultz holds talks with Jordanian, Syrian leaders

(Continued from page 1)

in Shultz's statement that neither Israel nor Arab states had made any commitment to the U.S. peace plan, Redman said: "No one has said no. Nothing has changed on that. This is something that is going to take time." Redman said King Hussein

reiterated the Arab call for an international conference as the only way to achieve a Middle East peace settlement.

In an interview with Israeli editors Sunday night, Shultz made clear that the U.S. was sticking to its position of "no to a Palestinian state, (and) no to the return (by Israel) to the (pre-1967) borders." He also ruled out any dealings with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

As Shultz arrived in Damascus from Amman, a semi-official Syrian paper asked: "What is the use of this tour?"

The English-language Syria Times said Shultz's proposal for limited Palestinian "self-rule" in the Israeli-occupied territories ignored "the inalienable rights of the Arab people of Palestine."

Syrian newspapers also accused the United States of justifying Israeli acts of brutality and oppression against the Palestinian people, and of failing to pressure Israel to implement United Nations resolutions.

Identical editorials were published by the Arabic-language daily Tishrin and Syrian Times. The newspapers accused Washington of justifying Israeli "massacres" of the Palestinian

They said "acts of brutality and oppression are being perpetrated daily in the occupied Arab terri-

The policy of shoot-to-kill, pushing Zionist settlers and soldiers to destroy properties, burn houses, and to kill women and children have become a daily practice by Israel, which ignores the condemnation of international public opinion.

"All this is being done as the Israeli government finds full backing for its defiance of the international community and human values in the American stand which justifies these massacres.'

The editorials said that if such a policy was directed against Jews, "the United States would have mobilised all its political and propaganda machinery calling on the international community to adopt deterrent steps.

Jewish settlements.

Palestinian state."

Shamir and Peres Monday.

Speaking to Kurdish Israelis in

Ein Herned, Peres said: "No

foreign army will cross the Jordan

River. We will not negotiate with

the PLO, and we will not allow a

will remain in place. There will be

no dismantling."
After the Damascus talks,

Shultz planued to return to Israel.

again Wednesday with Shamir and Peres, fly to Cairo to see-

Egyptian President Hosni Mubar-

ak and then back to Amman for

President Mubarak said Tues-

Where there's a will, there's

"On the Arab side, there is a

will, and we are trying to develop

this will more and more," Mubar-

ak said. "I think Mr. Shultz is

doing his best and the United

"But the point is the will of Mr. Shamir, which is very important

because he is one of the corner-

stones of the whole problem... I

can't understand him. If he is

agreeing on the process or dis-

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"Existing Jewish settlements

"But the victims in this case are Arabs while the perpetrators are Jews. Hence, Washington's constant search for excuses and justification, to the extent of considering Israeli oppression in the occupied land a duty and a right at the

Shultz went directly to the presidential palace in Damascus for talks with President Assad. Shultz met Israeli leaders Monday but did not appear to persuade Shamir to drop his opposition. The proposals include an international conference to pave the way for direct Arab-Israeli negotiations and the principle of

trading land for peace. Shultz was not expecting to make much progress with Assad who also opposes major elements of the U.S. proposal.

"I do not want to predict that I will make any headway with President Assad," Shultz told repor-ters recently. "He's usually pretty

Before Shultz's arrival Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa told Reuters that the Syrian position had not changed.

An Israeli official quoted by Reuter said Shultz was seeking a compromise between a full international conference, favoured by the Arabs and rejected by Shamir, and a one-off meeting under U.S. and Soviet auspices which Shamir accepted last October but clear."

#### Carter denies knowledge of Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-Iran arms plan mon Peres, who backs the Shultz

plan, meanwhile toughened his FRESNO, California (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter conditions for a peace accord. He spelled out four "noes" rejecting negotiations with the says he never heard of a plan to PLO, a Palestinian state, a foreswap military parts for the 52 Americans held hostage in Iran ign military presence in the West Bank, and the dismantling of during the last year of his term. Shultz held separate talks with

"No one that I have talked to had heard of it," he added at a news conference Monday night following a speech at Fresno Newly declassified documents

revealed in a House of Representatives judiciary subcommit-tee investigation showed the Carter administration considered offering \$10 million in military spare parts to Iran for the hostages captured in November 1979 during an attack on the U.S. embassy m Tehran.

Carter advisers scuttled the plan after determining arms dealer Houshang Lavi didn't have the backing of then-Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr, according to documents obtained by the Miami Herald.

day the Arabs wanted U.S. peace efforts in the Middle East to One Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) memo said Lavi offered succeed but he questioned to make a hostage exchange and whether Shamir shared their dehanded over a seven-page list of F-14 parts. The CIA officer who wrote the memo recommended way," Mubarak told reporagainst pursuing the deal. ters who asked whether the cur-

Carter said he never saw any of the memos and that the plan was 'never seriously considered." The documents include CIA memos to Carter's National Security Council Chief David

Aaron and State Department

memos by then-Deputy Assistant Secretary Harold Saunders. The papers surfaced during a hearing being held by Democratic Representative John Coyers into attempts by President Ronald Reagan's administration to trade arms with Iran for hostages seized by Iran-backed groups in

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TOKYO — Share prices closed lower because institutional

investors were not fully committed due to a lack of fresh factors. The Nikkei index shed 19.94 points, or 0.80 per cent, to close at

SINGAPORE — Prices closed marginally higher over a broad

front on light buying interest and sporadic bargain-hunting, after recent declines. The Straits Times industrial index rose 9.15

BOMBAY — Heavy institutional buying helped shares recover

but business volume was thin as most investors kept to the

FRANKFURT — Shares ended the bourse session mainly lower as

a lack of new factors left investors sidelined in an extremely thin

ZURICH - Share prices closed slightly higher in very quiet

trading after the Easter break as investors awaited fresh impulses

from New York. The all-share Swiss index was 4.1 higher at 816.3

PARIS - Prices ended the continuous session slightly firmer in-

very thin trade with the recovery seen near the end of business

attributed to gains on Wall Street. The 50-share bourse indicator

LONDON — Share prices were substantially above the day's

lowest levels after a firm opening on Wall Street bouyed sentiment. At 1530 GMT, the FTSE index was 8.4 points off at

NEW YORK - Stocks showed broad gains, though they were off

their highs, related partly to technical buying at a support level

and uncertainty over whether the Federal Reserve was tightening money policy. The Dow 30 index was up 15 at 1996.

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Demanding 300 per cent wage increase

## Lebanon paralysed by to reach \$2 billion nation-wide strike

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon was paralysed Tuesday as Muslims and Christians united in a nation-wide strike called by labour unions demanding a 300 per cent wage increase.

Banks, schools, shops, restaurants, petrol stations, government offices and other businesses were closed in Beirut's mainly Christian eastern and Muslimdominated western sectors and

The General Confederation of Labour Unions (GCLU), which sponsored the one-day strike, said Beirut Airport, the nation's only civil aviation gateway, as well as hospitals, pharmacies, bakeries, and the media were

The 300,000-strong GCLU described the one-day protest as a "warning strike." It set April 15 as a deadline for an indefinite work stoppage, if its demand for a 300 per cent salary increase was

The Lebanese parliament Friday authorised Acting Prime

hopes to

reserves

expand oil

CARACAS (R) — Venezuela

hopes to increase its proven oil

reserves by two billion barrels to

60 billion this year, through new

discoveries and secondary recov-

ery in existing fields, the Vene-

zuelan Ministry of Energy and Mines announced Monday.

The ministry said in its annual

report 20 new test wells will be

drilled this year in an effort to

increase output of light and

medium crudes. Venezuela's re-

serves are currently dominated by

Exploration will centre on

Eastern Monagas and Sucre

states, and the area south of Lake

Maracaibo, the traditional centre

cost approximately \$142 million,

Exploration in recent years has

led to the discovery of 8.6 billion barrels in probable reserves of

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the ministry said.

Minister Salim Al Hoss, who also holds the Labour and Social Affairs portfolio, and Finance Minister Joseph Hashem to deal with the unions' demand for salary increases in the private and public sectors.

A government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hoss and Hashem are considering a 100 per cent "compromise" wage increase.

#### Cannot cope

"The government cannot give the GCLU a 300 per cent increase in salaries. Both businessmen and the state treasury cannot cope with such an increase," the source said.

"Both government leaders and businessmen fear that such a high the inflation rate," the source, who did not wish to be named.

Lebanon's 13-year-old civil war has pushed the nation's inflation rate from 9 per cent in 1975 year to the current estimated level of 225 per cent.

The government source said: Any increase in salaries would force the Lebanese pound to de-cline further against foreign currencies, something that will also raise prices and create additional difficulties for the working class.'

The Lebanese pound, once the soundest currency in the Middle East, rated 2.5 to the U.S. dollar before the civil war. It sank to a record low of 700 to the dollar last December.

The decline of the Lebanese pound against foreign currencies has sent prices skyrocketing in a nation that imports more than 85 per cent of its needs.

The pound regained some of its value in the first quarter of 1988, rating 360 to the dollar in the Beirut Money Market last week.

## raise as the one demanded by the Venezuela | U.S. foreign affiliates plan to raise spending

WASHINGTON (USIS) — Foreign affiliates of U.S. companies plan to increase their capital spending 15 per cent in 1988 after a 4 per cent rise in 1987, the Commerce Department

These affiliates reported higher 1988 spending plans in a December 1987 survey than they did six months earlier, the department said Monday. The large upward revision is attributed mostly to dollar depreciation in the fall, which requires more dollars for a given amount of spending in foreign currencies.

Another reason for the revision is more spending planned by petroleum affiliates for exploration and development, although the department now doubts whether those plans will be implemented because oil price have fallen since

A 15 per cent rise would put

1988 spending at \$38,900 million, still below the level reached in

1982, the report said. "Spending fell in 1983 and remained low through 1987 due to sluggish economic conditions abroad and weak petroleum markets," it said.

Auto and computer plants reported they were planning increased spending in response to increased foreign competition for global market share; while others, especially in the primary metals industry, said they were planning to expand capacity, the

"Affiliates in developed countries plan a 15 per cent increase in 1988, to \$30,000 million, following a 5 per cent increase" in 1987, the report said.

"Affiliates in developing countries plan a 13 per cent increase to \$8,400 million, following a 1 per cent increase."

### Report: Labour cost The programme is expected to cheapest in Mexico

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## Iraqi-Turkish trade

Trade exchange between Iraq Ahmet Alptemocin. and Turkey is expected to reach \$2 billion this year, it was reported here at the weekend.

The announcement was made at the end of the eighth session of the Joint Iraqi-Turkish Committee on Economic, Technical and Scientific Cooperation held during a three-day official visit by Turkish Prime Minister Turgut

An agreement was signed by Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi and Turkish

BAGHDAD (OPECNA) — Minister of Finance and Customs The two sides also signed

agreements on transport and communications and maritime transportation. Speaking at the signing cere-

mony, Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadhan and Ozal expressed satisfaction over the steady development of bilateral relations.

They underlined the need for further expansion of cooperation between the two neighbouring

## ASCA board meets

DUBAI (J.T.) — The Board of Directors of Arabs Society of Certified Accountants (ASCA) held its meetings Tuesday in Dubai, during which several technical, professional and organisational subjects were discussed.

In addition, resolutions were taken to achieve ASCA's goals in attaining a higher standard for the profession in the Arab region and worldwide.

The board examined the results of the participation of ASCA on the boards of the two highest professional authorities in the world, after being elected for five years for the Board of International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC), London, and the International Audit Practice

Committee (IAPC), New York. The board also examined the progress of the Arab Certified ence in Bahrain next year,

Accountant Magazine - the only accounting magazine in the Arab World, and called on experts and professionals for greater contributions to the magazine.

A number of resolutions were made regarding the organisation of Arab examinations to meet the highest international standards.

#### Set of standards

In response to the wishes of a number of Arab leaders, ASCA decided to publish the set of audit standards and accounting principles in Arabic to be used as an accredited reference.

The board also discussed the arrangements for hosting the first meeting of IASC in the Arab region, which will be held simultaneously with the second Arab International Accounting Confer-

## 1988 APC expected to top 1m tonnes

Nearly 70 per cent of the total production is marketed in Japan, China, India, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and other countries in Southeast Asia, Nsour said in a lecture delivered at Yarmouk University

share of APC exports.

In his lecture, Nsour gave de-tails on the development of the company which was established in 1956 and began production in 1982. He said that the APC started off with a JD 4.5 million capital, rising to JD 72.45 million

The installations at the APC plants near the southern tip of the Dead Sea cost \$480 million, funded by friendly governments, Arab funds and banks, according

# production

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Arab Potash Company (APC) expects to produce 1.3 million tonnes of potash during 1988 and 1.4 million in 1989, up from a mere 280,000 tonnes of initial production in 1983, according to APC Director-General Ali Nsour.

Of the Western countries, he said, Brazil receives the lion's

The Jordanian government owns 53.44 per cent of APC's capital, while the rest is owned by the Arab Mining Company, Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and

## IBM 'has no plans to mass market semiconductors'

NEW YORK (R) — The computer giant International Business Machines Corp. (IBM) said Monday it had no plans to mass market semiconductors although it had supplied small quantities of its computer chips to competi-

IBM officials said its sale of chips to European and U.S. competitors was not an attempt to prevent U.S. firms from becoming dependent on Japanese semiconductor suppliers.

"Over the past couple of years we have offered limited quantities of semiconductors to a very small number of companies internationally," said IBM spokesman Peter Thoms, who declined to name the companies or the amounts involved

IBM is the world's largest maker of both computers and semiconductors, the tiny silicon wafers that are the brains of virtually all electronic equipment, from computers to microwave ovens to guided missiles.

Major competitive advantage

The Armonk, N.Y.-based company considers its chips a

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major competitive advantage and also rejected speculation that the does not routinely sell them on chip sales were aimed at preventthe open market, and Thonis said the chip sales were not a move by IBM to enter the mass market.

Thonis spoke with Reuters after Jack Kuehler, IBM vice president and its highest-ranking engineer, disclosed the chip sales in an interview with t<sup>t</sup>: New York Times published Monday.

The newspaper reported that IBM has supplied some competitors with state-of-the-art computer chips for more than two years, confirming rumours in circulation for months.

It said that IBM, responding to inquiries, disclosed last week it had offered small quantities of its dozen U.S. and European com-

The paper reported, however, that Kuehler said the shift in corporate policy was not a move to prevent U.S. firms becoming dependent on Japanese semiconductor suppliers.

model 85 or 86 or 87.

chip sales were aimed at preventing U.S. computer companies from becoming dependent on Japanese suppliers or at paving the way for IBM to mass market its semiconductors.

'We are neither accepting orders for semiconductors nor are we increasing (manufacturing) capacity," said Thonis, adding that IBM aimed to "sharpen our effort competitively."

Analysts said the sales probably do not exceed \$20 million a. year, compared with IBM's total yearly output of about \$3.5 billion.
IBM has played a key role in

helping to ensure that the U.S. had offered small quantities of its chip industry keeps pace with the advanced chips to fewer than a Japanese, most notably with its strong support of Sematech, a consortium of American chip makers that is trying to boost U.S. competitiveness.

"If Sematech doesn't work. IBM may become a bigger source of chips to other computer companies," said Adam Culmey, an Speaking with Reuters, Thonis analyst with Kidder, Peabody Co.

#### VILLAGE ELECTRIFIED: The Jordan Electricity Authority

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(JEA) has supplied the village of Um Al Sarb in Taffileh Governorate with electric power. The project entailed installing a 50-kilovolt ampere transformation station, a high voltage network and 72 electric poles. The total cost of the project was estimated at JD 20,000. JEA officials said that the electrification of Um Al Sarb was part of an overall project for the electrification of southern rural regions. The project will supply power to 10 villages and population settlements at a cost of JD 100,000.

OMAN TRADE: The president of Oman's Chamber of Industry and Trade, Ya'qoub Ibn Hamad Al Harithi, arrived in Amn Tuesday at the head of a delegation for talks with Jordanian officials on promoting Jordanian-Omani trade and economic cooperation. Al Harithi will meet with Minister of Industry. Trade and Supply Hamdi Tabbaa and board members of Jordanian chambers of industry and trade. He is expected to sign an agreement organising trade between the two countries.

CASABLANCA FAIR: The Ministry of Industry and Trade's Jordanian Commercial Centres Corporation (JCCC) announced Tuesday that it will hold a Jordanian trade fair in Casablanca, Morocco, between July 15 and 25. The announcement in the form of a notice in the local press said that Jordanian manufacturers can display their samples and sell \$3 million worth of products directly to the public. The notice recommended that Jordanian exporters make an exploratory visit to Casablanca to familiarise themselves with the products in demand by Moroccan markets.

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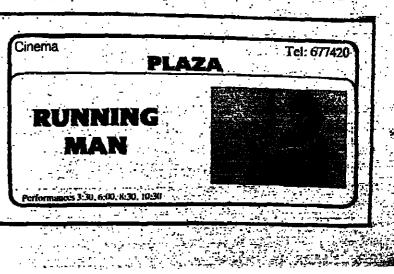
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#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

#### Austria's Huber wins downhill race

to the second 
TOKYO (AF) — Rudof Huber beat Austrian compatriot Wellebald Zecimer to capture the Federation of International Skiing All Japan Downfill Race Tuesday in Nagano, central Japan. Huber, 25, won in 1 minute and 30.52 seconds, while Zechner finished in 1 minute and 31.19 seconds. Eighty-seven skilers competed over the 2,478-metre Shigakogen course with a vertical drop of 650 metres. Katsuhito Kumagai was third in I minute and 31.31 seconds, while Shinya Chiba was fourth in 1 minute and 31.78 seconds. Kumagi and Chiba represented Japan In the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada. A third Austrian, Aldras Eyers, placed lifth with a time of 1 minute and 31.94

#### Davison retires from cricket career

HOBART, Tasmania (R) - Brian Davison, one of cricket's nomads, announced his retirement from the game Tuesday after 20 years with Rhodesia, Leicestershire, Gloucestershire and Tasmania. Davison, 41, was persuaded to come out of retirement last season to take over the captaincy of Tasmania from test opener David Boon. But this time he said his decision to give up the game after 21 seasons was final. "After more than 20 years in first class cricket I think the time has come for me to call it quits as a player," Davison told journalists. He added he would be interested in taking on the state coaching job.

#### Virginia slims play hampered by rain

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina (AP) - Rain was the only winner Monday as first-round play was suspended in the \$300,000 Family Circle Magazine Women's Tennis Tournament. Only two unseeded players — Federica Bonsignori of Italy and Giself Miro of Brazil — got to play before action was suspended for the day at about 4 p.m. Their match was halted in the second set with Miro on top, 6-3, 2-2.

#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

#QJ7 ♥KQ865 ♥K105 #52 The bidding has proceeded: North East .. South West 1 Pass 1 V

What do you bid now? A .-- If you rebid two hearts, you are showing at least a six-card suit and a weakish hand. On the contrary, your hand is balanced with stoppers in the ambid suits, so it is eminently suitable for no trump. Since you don't have quite enough for game, make the invitational raise to two no

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you ♥ AK87632 The bidding has proceeded:

4AQ105 North East South West Pass Pass 1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass ? What do you bid now?

Appending the partner of the

grand slam if his holding includes the ace of spades and the king or a singleton club. Blackwood won't help. Start cue-bidding with four clubs. If partner cooperates with four diamonds, invite slam by jumping to five hearts. This bid asks him specifically to continue only if he has spades controlled. Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you

**♦KJ76 ♥Q95 ♥KQ3 ♠KJ8** The bidding has proceeded: East South

What do you bid now? A .- If you play that a jump to three spades is forcing, that clearly should be your choice. If that is a limit raise in your methods, make whatever artificial forcing raise you have available. And if you do not have one, make the temporizing bid of two

THE BETTER HALF,

Unscremble these four Jumbles

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-Both vulnerable, as South you clubs and then jump to game in pades at your next turn.

Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South you ±KJ76 ♥Q95 ♦KQ3 ±KJ8 The bidding has proceeded: 

What do you bid now? A.—Should parmer have some length in hearts, four spades could be defeated by opposing heart ruffs. Therefore, we suggest a cue-bid of three hearts. If partner can bid three no trump, we'll play there; otherwise we'll go on to four spades.

O.5-Neither vulnerable, as South 4874 ♥Q10652 ♦AJ5 472 The bidding has proceeded: North East Pass 1 7 Pass 2 NT Pass ? What action do you take?

A.—Since partner is showing 19— 20 points, you want to be in game. But it would be a mistake to bid three hearts, which would suggest an unbalanced hand with a six-card heart suit. With your balanced 7 points, the correct bid is three no

Q.6-Both vulnerable, as South you

♦ 16 ♥ AQ872 ♦ K16
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North Es North East What do you bid now? A .-- This situation is analogous to

the one above. Many feel constrained to bid two hearts to make it clear that they hold a five-card suit. However, in this sequence a bid of two hearts would promise a six-card suit. The correct action with your balanced minimum is to rebid one go trump.

By Harris

HARRIS

## Madrid to battle PSV in Champions' Cup semifinal boycott

By Timothy Collings

MADRID - Real Madrid will be seeking to satisfy the deepes craving in European soccer when they meet Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven in their Champions' Cup semifinal first leg tie

On a night of six semifinals in the continent's three major club competitions, the meeting of the favourites, who have not won the trophy for 22 years, and the most free-scoring team in Europe, will be the outstanding match.

The Spanish champions, six-times winners of the premier trophy in European club soccer, have not enjoyed the taste of triumph since beating Partizan Belgrade in Brussels in 1966 and are fuelled by a

burning desire to end their frustration. That victory, the final act in an era of greatness always associated with the deeds of Di Stefano, Puskas and Gento, has been followed

by only one other appearance in the final.

This was in 1981 when Madrid were beaten 1-0 in Paris by Liverpool in a final condemned for its "Chloroform Soccer" — a memory the club's army of supporters believe the present team will erase in style this season.

Having disposed of Italian champions Napoli, holders Porto of Portugal and West German champions Bayern Munich en route to the semifinals, they are expected to possess too much power, experience and tactical acumen for the Dutchmen.

But PSV, scorers of 105 goals in only 29 First Division matches in The Netherlands and virtually certain of their third successive title, are likely to do more than merely stand between Real and their 10th appearance in a European Cup final. Despite the controversy surrounding published remarks made by their brilliant Libero Ronald Koeman, PSV should be technically and

temperamentally equipped to survive the intimidating atmosphere of the Santiago Bernabeu stadium. "We will have to approach Real ice-cold," said PSV coach Guus Hiddink. "Fortunately, we have players who will not be scared away by roughness."

#### Benfica meets Steana

In the other semifinal, Portuguese champions Benfica, winners of the cup in 1961 and 1962, travel to Romania to play 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest.

Benfica hope to emulate their great rivals Porto by keeping the cup in Portugal, but coach Antonio "Toni" Oliveira admitted the Romanians, will be formidable opponents.

"Steams are a better team than Anderlecht and we will have to be at our best in Bucharest. There are no easy teams in the semifinals of this competition," he said.

#### Ajax faces Atlanta

In the Cup Winners' Cup, holders Ajax Amsterdam, still struggling for form following the abrupt departure of coach Johan Cruyff in January, face Olympique Marseille of France and Belgium's Mechelen meet Italian Second Division Atalanta. Ajax, an attacking delight last season, have relied increasingly on

defence this season and goalkeeper Stanley Menzo has not conceded goal in their last eight Cup Winners' Cup outings. He and Danny Blind are the only survivors of the Ajax defence which helped win the trophy and Ajax will rely on Swedish defender Peter Larsson, a star of the recent Berlin four-nation tournament, to

keep Marseilles' Jean-Pierre Papin and Klaus Aloffs at bay. Mechelen have doubts over Israeli Eli Ohana and Dutchman Erwin Koeman following a 1-0 home defeat by FC Liege Sunday and could also be without flu-victim Albert Cluytens.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1988

## YOUR HOROSCOPE From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You GENERAL TENDENCIES 100 Will have some restless longings to "get away from it all." and do something to abate a case of spring fever. Feel free to include this whim, but be sure to take care of

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. will be faced with a situation where you must decide between several new projects, but don't base your decision solely on intuition.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A trip you have been planning needs to be arranged more precisely if you are to avoid a costly setback. Don't neglect pressing property matters. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A dynamic associate has some fine ideas to proffer, so listen carefully to this person. Take it easy tonight, and get plenty of rest. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

Jul. 21) It is very important that you stop procrastinating about some important obligation. A long-time friend can help with this. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) If you

have been somewhat concerned about a health matter, this is a good time to make the necessary ap-pointments with professionals. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Routine chores may seem

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THE Daily Crossword by Melvin Kenwarthy

somewhat boring today, but handle them quickly so you will have the time for more important matters. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get busy answering letters and paying bills which have been piling up for some time. Meet with a friend you

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Pocus your attention on financia and property matters today, and improve them considerably. Take it easy tonight, and get to bed early. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Try to add to your personal progress today, and use more efficient methods than in the past. If you go out socially, stick with close friends. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Be certain to keep any promises you have made to your mate, or a big argument could ensue. He more affectionate to this person. AQUARIUS (Jen. 21 to Feb. 19)

Even if it is a bit difficult to han-dle, do a favor for a friend who is in a tight apot. You will be repaid in spades for your effort.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mer. 20) A superior has been keeping an eye on your work, so be sure to put your best foot forward. Don't let anyone disrupt your schedule today.

## threatens to East-West German athletics meet

Olympic champ

BONN (R) — Olympic discus champion Rolf Danneberg said Tuesday be would boycott the first East-West Germany Athletics In-ternational in June if Wolfgang Schmidt, expelled from East Germany last year, was not selected. Schmidt, a former discus world

record holder, now competes as a West German but the National Athletics Federation decided last week he would not be in the team for the inter-German international in Duesseldorf June 19 and 20. Danneberg said: We have to talk to the federation about this. We can't allow ourselves to be pashed around for purposes of sports politics. If the decision stays then I will decline to compete against East Germany."

The 1984 Olympic champion said he was speaking for himself and not for other West German

Schmidt, who held the world record from 1978 to 1983, was expelled from East Germany last November. In 1982 and 1983 be spent over a year in prison on charges of illegal Western contacts and of attempting to defect.

The West German Athletics Federation (DLV) said Schmidt would not be selected for the international because it would be used to choose the team for the Summer Olympics in Seoul.

#### Forest confirms £1.5m bid for Clough

NOTINGHAM, England (R) — Italian First Division soccer side Pisa have made a £1.5 million (\$2.8 million) offer for Nottingham Forest striker Nigel Clough, the English club said Tuesday.

Clough, 22, has scored 20 goals this season and Forest manager Brian Clough made it clear he will do all he can to keep his son at the Clough senior said: "The top

priority is to keep our squad logether because we have put a lot of toil, sweat and effort into what "I don't want to lose anyone

and I would like him to sign a new contract."

## Bell makes baseball history

## Blue Jays overpowers **Kansas City Royals**

NEW YORK (AP) - Some things never change -Toronto's George Bell still is hitting home runs and Boston's Bullpen still is giving them up.

Bell, Toronto's MVP (most valuable player) and unhappy designated hitter, became the first player in baseball history to hit three home runs on opening day when he powered the Blue Jays to a 5-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals Monday.

George.
"I've got too many things on my mind to be happy," said Bell, who encored last year's 47-homer

season with a solo shot in the second inning, a two-run homer that put Toronto ahead 3-2 in the fourth and a bases-empty homer in the eighth, all of Bret Saberhagen. Things were supposed to be

different in Boston, where the Red Sox tired of watching Wes Gardner and Calvin Schiraldi give up 32 home runs in 173 innings a year ago. They acquired fireballing Lee Smith, one of

baseball's top relievers, from the Chicago Cubs.

Tigers 5, Red Sox 3:

Alan Trammell's two-run hom-How about a big smile,

Both pitchers went nine in-

Athletics 4, Mariners 1:

er - both runs were unearned because of an error by Boston shortstop Spoke Owen -- decided a game that began as a pitching duel between Roger Clemens, Boston's two-time CY Young Award winner, and Detroit's Jack Morris. A crowd of 34,781 attended at Fenway Park.

nings, with Clemens striking out 11 and Morris Fanning nine. Clemens gave up six hits, including Matt Nokes' game-tying homer in the sixth inning, and also was called for three balks.

Dave Henderson and Jose Canse-Brewers 12, Orioles 0:

Teddy Higuera pitched threehit ball for seven innings and Dale Sveum's two-run homer highlighted a 16-hit barrage as Milwaukee handed the Orioles their worst opening-day loss. White Sox 8, Angels 5:

one-out single in the ninth - and

Kenny Williams homered, doubled and drove in three runs before a crowd of 35,899 in Chicago. Williams, whose homer capped a three-run fifth inning, doubled to key a five-run seventh that erased a 4-3 California lead and spoiled the managerial debut of Cookie Rojas.

Rangers 4, Indians 3:

Pete O'Brien hit his second home run of the game to break a tie in the bottom of the eighth inning. O'Brien, who hit a second-inning homer off Tom Dave Stewart allowed two hits Candiotti, got his game-winner in 8 1-3 innings — a single on the off Chris Codiroli before 37,613 first pitch of the game and a in Arlington, Texas.

## Kansas topples Oklahoma, wins basketball championship

dog managed to win the title.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) - Danny Manning scored 31 points and grabbed 18 rebounds as unranked Kansas won its second national championship with an 83-79 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma Monday night to become the losingest champion in National Collegiate Athletic

Association (NCAA) history. The Jayhawks, 26-11, played fast and slow and withstood a record-setting three-point performance from Oklahoma's Dave Sieger to avenge two losses to the Sooners, 35-4, during the regular season.

This was the third championship game played between two teams from the same conference and it was the third this ried the Jayhawks to the title in a pressure.

Kansas was an 8-point underdog but in the first half the Jayhawks ran with the Sooners, the nation's second-leading scoring team and the regular-season and tournament champions in the big eight. Then they showed patience in the second half, running down the 45-second clock before taking good percentage shots. The Jayhawks shot 64 per cent for

the game, 35 of 55, and they

cooled off after a first half in

which they made 17 of 20 at one

But for all the strategy of coach Larry Brown it was Manning, the two-time All-America who caryear in which they overcame iniuries and academic problems. Milt Newton added 15 points for Kansas, while Kevin Pritchard had 13. Sieger led Oklahoma with 22 points, while Stacey King had 17 and Harvey Grant and Mookie Blaylock 14 each. But King and

Grant, the two leading scorers,

had just four each in the second

half. Kansas took the lead for good at 69-68 on a hook shot by Manning with 8:50 left in the game. It was the last of seven straight Kansas points scored by the 6foot-10 centre and the play started with Manning standing at midcourt with the ball waiting for Oklahoma to come out and apply

## British sports minister seeks to delay English re-entry

LONDON (AP) - A seven-week postponement of the decision to readmit English soccer clubs to European competition was taken at the request of Britain's sports minister, the continent's ruling body of

soccer said said Tuesday.

"It was on the basis of a that a decision be taken at the end of June," Rudolph Rothenbuhler, a spokesman for UEFA, said.

Sports minister Colin Moynihan was out of the country and unavailable for comment. He has repeatedly urged caution in readmitting English clubs to European competition, from where they have been banned for three years following a riot by fans that left 39 people dead.

Three months ago, UEFA announced at a meeting in Monaco that a ruling on the English clubs would be taken at a session of its full congress in St. Andrew's, Scotland, May 3. It indicated at the time that the ban would be lifted at St. Andrew's

in time for next season, on condition English fans behave at this summer's European Championship finals in West Germany. But last week, newspapers quoted UEFA president Jacques Georges as saying the decision had been put off until June 25, the day of the title match at the championships, where England is one of the eight teams.

In a brief statement Monday, UEFA confirmed that its executive committee would decide England's fate at the end of the championships" and not on May 3 ...as previously announced."
"It's not a question of changing our minds," Rothenbuhler told the Associated Press. "It's much more complicated than that. There have

been a number of talks.' The spokesman said he did not know exactly when Moynihan had made the request but indicated it had come since the Monaco

A spokesman at the sports ministry said he was not aware of any new talks between the minister and UEFA but stressed the government had always been keen to keep the ban enforced through the summer to monitor the behaviour of English fans.

"The minister has gone on record that any decision by UEFA should take into account the behaviour of the fans until the end of the season, both at home and at the European Championships," said the spokesman, who asked not to be identified.

## **Peanuts**







## Mutt'n' Jeff



















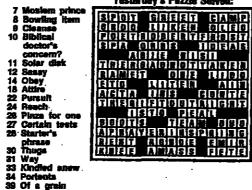


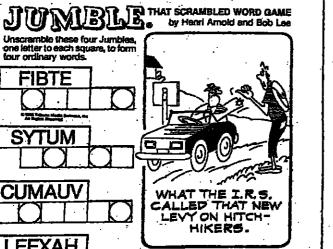












Jumbles: TOXIC GNOME CONCUR ORATOR Answer: What the countess said her husband was-A "NO-ACCOUNT"

CUMAUV WHAT THE I.R.S. CALLED THAT NEW LEVY ON HITCH-HIKERS. LEEXAH Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Answer here: THE

"We haven't changed much. His

kiss used to set my heart on fire

...now it gives me heartburn."

Vows to support Aquino

## U.S. pushes for Philippine bases to stay

MANILA (R) — The United States Tuesday pressed for the retention of its Philippine bases and vowed support for President Corazon Aquino at the start of formai talks on the future of its major military installations bere.

Aquino, ignoring fears that the escape of a coup-plotting army rebel could mean a new challenge to her rule, said through a spokesman she would not aban-don her scheduled visit to China next week, the first time she has dared leave the Philippines since November, 1986.

U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Platt said at the start of talks on the future of American air and naval bases in the Philippines that the Soviet Union could turn overnight into a major military threat

to Asian nations. Platt said the agreement allowing Americans use of Clark Air Force and Subic Naval Bases had served to preserve regional peace for decades "and it must do so in

the future. Manila and Washington are reviewing the terms for the last two years of the bases agreement, which runs out in 1991. The thornier question confronting Washington is whether its former colony will agree to allow the bases beyond that date.

'Non-confrontational'

Tuesday's talks, the first of a

WASHINGTON (R) - Explo-

sions which shook the American

centre in New Delhi Monday

were an accident caused by con-

struction workers and were not

linked to a visit by U.S. Defence

Secretary Frank Carlucci, the

Indian subcontractors working on a welding project inside the U.S.

Information Service (USIS) facil-

ity in New Delhi accidentally

caused the explosion of an acety-

lene tank," spokeswoman Phyllis

In New Delhi, a U.S. embassy

spokesman and an eyewitness

said a fire followed three explo-

sions at the modern, glass-en-

The explosions occurred only a

few hours after Carlucci arrived

in the Indian capital for talks with

Indian officials expected to centre

on Afghanistan and technological

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We have been informed that

U.S. State Department said.

U.S.: New Delhi

explosions accidental

into rural bases. have become extremely hampered in the cities must be ready last several months, ended after to transfer to the countryside, three hours with both sides voicthe party said.

by the arrest in Manila last month

called on its guerrillas in the cities

Marcos waiting... 'forever'

In another development in Honolulu, Hawaii, Ferdinand Marcos said Monday he was

awaiting a Philippine government representative to being negotiat-

ing his return, but an official of the Manila government denied that any such talks had been

"I am waiting for the procedure to be completely charted,"

said Marcos, who was deposed as

Philippine president more than

two years ago. "I am waiting for whomever they send to see me."

Marcos said he had received

word from supporters in his

homeland that a representative of

Aquino was en route to Honolu-

lu. He declined to identify the

supporters or the government

one today," Marcos said.

'Noriega

has

"In fact, I was expecting some-

"He may have to wait fore-

authorised.

representative.

ing hope of their success. A Philippine spokesman said the atmosphere was "non-confrontational. However, it was clear Amer-

icans were in for tough bargaining. Manila has hinted it wants much more than \$180 million-ayear package Washington had pledged for using the bases.

The talks opened as army threats to Aquino's rule were revived by last weekend's dramatic escape from military custody of her arch-foe in the army, Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Hon-asan, who is still at large.

A nervous stock market, which Monday shed value as investors worried about the prospects of another rebellion, firmed Tuesday. Analysts said fears had

Officials dismissed reports of possible U.S. involvement in the escape of Honasan, who nearly ousted Aquino in a coup attempt last August.

Communists unharmed

Meanwhile, the Communist series of negotiations expected to leadership said it was unharmed

Oakley said there was specula-

tion the incident was related to

Carlucci's arrival but that it was

an accident that occurred during

work on the building's air con-

No injuries were reported but

the centre, which is about five

kilometres from the main U.S.

buildings were affected by the

Delhi's most popular shopping

area and has often been a target

for anti-American protests.

Security has been tightened in

recent weeks and a more secure

The centre is situated near New

ditioning system.

Oakley said.

entrance built.

incident

**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS** 

ALDERMASTON, England (AP) - Police said 10,000 antinuclear campaigners gathered outside the government's nuclear

weapons research centre Monday on the 30th anniversary of

Britain's first "Ban the Bomb" march. Thames Valley Police Chief Inspector Laurie Fray said it was "a mostly quiet and

peaceful demonstration," although police arrested four people for criminal damage and public order offences. Defence Ministry

police said they arrested six more protesters. About 1,000 of the

demonstrators walked the 83 kilometres from London to the

Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment in Berk-

PHOENIX, Arizona (R) — Evan Mecham Monday became the

first U.S. state governor in 59 years to be removed from office on

impeachment charges. The Arizona State Senate, sitting as a

court of impeachment, convicted Mecham of obstructing justice

and illegally using \$80,000 in state funds to help his car dealership.

It failed by three votes to disqualify Mecham from ever holding

Arizona public office again. Mecham also faced a recall election

on May 17, but the Arizona Supreme Court is expected to cancel

the election because of his removal from office. Mecham, a

63-year-old conservative Republican who ran for governor five

times before being elected in 1986, is only the eighth governor to

Arizona governor impeached

Anti-nuclear campaigners demonstrate

## Carbide ordered to pay \$192m in Bhopal of some of its top officials but relief to prepare for a possible retreat "Comrades whose movements

JABALPUR, India (AP) — A judge ordered Union Carbide judge ordered Union Caronic Corp. to pay 2.5 billion rupees (\$192 million) in interim relief for victims of the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster, saying he had considered "the needs of the victims."

by King.

raine Motel.

"There ain't going to be no peace in the suburbs until there is justice in the ghetto," Lowery

told about 3,000 people who mar-

ched a 3 kilometres through

downtown Memphis to the Lor-

King was assassinated there on April 4, 1968, while in Memphis

to support a strike by city sanita-

tion workers. He also was con-

ducting a nationwide campaign to

The day before he was shot,

King delivered his last public

mountain top... and I've seen the

Promised Land. I may not get

there with you, but I want you to

know tonight, that we as a people

will get to the Promised Land."

his widow. Coretta Scott King,

In Atlanta, King's hometown,

draw attention to poverty.

The U.S.-based multinational said it would study the decision before deciding whether to file an

Monday's ruling came on Car-bide's appeal of a lower court's decision ordering an interim re-lief payment of 3.5 billion rupees (\$270 million). Carbide had argued that a grant of interim relief could prejudice the outcome of the Indian government's \$3 billion suit against the com-

The ruling by the Madhya Pradesh court lessened the interim award by \$78 million and ordered Carbide to deposit the sum within two months.

#### Victims' needs

High Court Judge S.K. Seth said he made the reduction after ver," said Tomas Gomez, the considering "the needs of the victims". The High Court in Jabal-Philippine consul general in Hawaii. "The word I get from the pur is the highest court in the president (Aquino) is that there are no negotiations." central Indian state of Madhya

> At Union Carbide's headquarters in the United States, company spokesman Robert M. Berzok said the company would review the ruling before deciding whether to appeal to India's Supreme Court.

"The ruling of the judge... will not serve the real needs of the Bhopal victims," Berzok said.
"The High Court judge is holding Union Carbide liable, and this can only result in additional litigation while the genuine victims remain in the wings."

More than 2,800 people were killed and at least 20,000 were injured Dec. 3, 1984, when toxic gas leaked from a pesticide plant run by a Carbide subsidiary, Union Carbide of India.

The Indian government sued Union Carbide in September ladelphian around who doesn't 1986, contending the leak was caused by negligence. The company has said it resulted from sabotage by a disgruntled em-

India filed suit after passing a law making it the sole representative of all victims and after a U.S. District Court ruling that U.S. courts did not have jurisdiction in the case.

A Bhopal district court judge ordered the interim relief after weeks of delay in the case while Carbide and the Indian government reportedly tried to reach an out-of-court settlement.

Union Carbide offered a settle ment of \$350 million before India

#### MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Followers of Martin Luther King Jr. marched Monday to the motel where he was assassinated 20 years ago and promised to keep fighting to reach his "Promised "Until we wipe out poverty in the ghetto nowhere can be safe. Nowhere can be secure, for one hungry person speaks in misery to everybody," said Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil rights organisation founded

U.S. remembers Martin Luther

Martin Luther King, Jr.

led an hour-long observance at his tomb and announced plans for a march in Washington Aug. 27, the anniversary of a civil rights march there in which King delivered his famous "I have a

dream" speech. This summer's march, she said, will concentrate on developing a address, saying "I've been to the legislative agenda aimed at ending poverty, racism, war and

> Also at the ceremony was King's sister, Christine King Farris. She recalled that on the day he was shot, "I thought on that day how long life would be with-

King, 20 years after his death years later, and we're still trying to perpetuate his legacy... and his

#### Right and just

The Lorraine itself has become something of a symbol of poverty. At one time, the motel had about 60 rooms, but the decaying two-storey building had only 12 rooms in use when the state closed it in January to make way for a museum. Opponents of the museum project, say the money should be spent turning the Lor-raine into housing for the home-

Prior to the march to the Lorraine, the city held a memorial service in King's honour at the Orpheum Theatre, a downtown landmark. It was the first citysponsored memorial to the slain Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Mayor Richard Hackett, who appointed the commission that organised Memphis' first memorial for the slain civil rights leader, said it is time for the city where King died to better organise its efforts to help the poor.

"Twenty years ago, Dr. King spoke of a dream. Today, this city recognises the necessity for that dream to become a reality," Hackett said. "It is right. It is just, and it is in the best interest

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#### Dispelling yet anothe myth

CHARLESTON, South Carolina

(AP) — The popular myth may be of a caveman dragging off his woman by her hair, but women were probably behind many of the major inventions of Prehistoric times, a researcher said Monday. "Women may be responsible for the major technological innovations in Prehistory — the invention of pottery, horticulture and agriculture, basketmaking, weaving and textiles," said Joan Gero. Gero, an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of South Carolina, is one of the organisers of an international conference to discuss women's roles in Prehistory. The five-day conference, which opens Tuesday, "is the first archaeological conference designed to separate out gender roles in Prehistory," she said. Much of what will be discussed flies in the face of the conventional wisdom. For instance, it's generally a given in archaeological circles that men were the toolmakers in Prehistoric times, Gero said. But some researchers are suggesting that women were responsible for making tools and pottery. "The irony is that huge chunks of the archaeological record may in fact be the result of women's labour," Gero said. "Eighty per cent of the archaeologists in the world use pottery to sort out time periods.

#### Never again

GENEVA (R) - U.N. Undersecretary-General Diego Cordovez, 52, says he will probably turn to farming after six years of trying to mediate the Afghan conflict. "After this, I will have to do something entirely different. like taking care of a farm or something, which I intend to do," the cigar-puffing Ecuadorean told journalists during a pause in the deliberations. "I will never do it (mediation) again, this I can assure you." Cordovez has a horse ranch in the Andes in Ecuador. He said he had had to learn patience during the Afghanistan talks. "Everything takes about four times longer than it would take in Latin America,

FRAMPTON ON SEVERN, England (AP) — A 26-year-old Englishman gulped 2,000 baby eels in 20.5 seconds Monday to win the World Elver Eating Championship for the sixth straight year. Bartender Mark Ryder of Gloucester in western England ate about 2 pounds (0.9 kilogrammes) of the gray, wormlike baby eels known as elvers to retain his title. The Guinness Book of Records awards the world record to Peter Dowdeswell who in 1978 ate an uncounted number of elvers weighing 1 pound (0.45 kilogrammes) in 13.7 seconds.

which is a long time," he said.

#### Miniature Koran rivalry grows

DUBAI (R) — Who owns the world's smallest Koran? Claims have been made in Iran, Poland and Yugoslavia but a family in Dubai has one that is even smaller. Mona Tarsissi told Reuters her handwritten, rice-paper volume, measuring 1.8 centimetres (three-quarters of an inch) by 1.4 centimetres (fiveeighths of an inch), has been in her Lebanese family for generations. The red Koran, which she wears in a locket, outdoes a 2.5 centimetre by 1.5 centimetre (one inch by five-eighths of an inch) volume in Yugoslavia whose owner claimed it as the world's tiniest last month.

#### Totally medieval

ROME (R) - Roman artist Angelo Camerino da Greccio says he has made seven medievalstyle chastity belts, complete with padlocks, in the past five years to meet orders from jealous Italian husbands. Camerino, 59, whose work has included restoring frescoes in some of Rome's most famous churches, cast his first chastity belt for an exhibition to mark the achievements of feminism. During the exhibition he was approached by a travelling salesman from Reggio Calabria, in the far south of Italy, who asked if he would adapt the belt to fit his wife. "He told me he was plagued by jealousy." Camerino told journalists. Six more orders followed with several southern men bringing their wives to Camerino's workshop for individual fittings and modifications including linings made of leather or silk. At two million lire (about \$1,600) each. Camerino's steelchastity belts command prices worthy of works of art. "I regard them as sculptures," he said.

## Publicity taken up in U.S. murder trial

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The defence attorney in a bizarre case involving manacled women, murder and dismemberment says he wants a rural jury to hear the case because of the widespread publicity surrounding it.

Gary Heidnik is charged with keeping four women chained to a sewer pipe in a basement torture chamber and killing two others.

"I want a jury from a less urban county. Somebody in the Poconos would know less (about the case) than somebody in Pittsburgh," said A. Charles Peruto
Jr., Heidnik's attorney. The Poconos are sparsely settled fied. mountains in Pennsylvania.

Peruto's first motion after the assignment of Judge Lynn Abraham to the case Monday morning was for the out-of-town jury.

"I don't think there is a Phiknow the case and want him' sentenced to death, the attorney

That motion and others are expected to take up the rest of the week, Peruto said as he and the prosecuting attorneys headed for Abraham's chambers for the first conference on pending requests.

#### Torture

Heidnik was arrested shortly after a woman, who said she bad been held in his basement, led police to his North Philadelphia house. Three half-naked, starved women were found chained there in the pre-dawn hours of March

found packaged in the kitchen freezer and the body of a second woman, whom police say Heidnik killed, was found in a southern New Jersey forest later that day.

The limbs of another were

The woman who led police to the house testified at Heidnik's preliminary hearing that one victim died while hanging by an arm from the basement ceiling. Police say Heidnik then dismembered her body in a bathtub.

The other victim died when Heidnik touched her manacles with electrical wires while she stood in water, the woman testi-

#### Insane

Peruto said he will argue his client was insane.

"Schizophrenia in its simplest form represents dual personality... It's a classic case of Jekyli and Heidnik," he said, playing on the title of Robert Lewis Stevenson's 1886 novel "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Peruto said he has documents that will prove Heidnik was the subject of LSD tests by the U.S. Army in the early 1960s. The tests, he said, aggravated his client's schizophrenia.

The Pentagon has acknowledged performing chemical re-search with LSD on 741 volunteers from 1955 to 1967. In a 1981 report, the Pentagon said most soldiers suffered no significant damage as a result.

Peruto declined to say whether Heidnik would take the stand.

## Easter massacre shocks Colombia

BOGOTA (R) — Hooded gun-men who shot at hundreds of peasants celebrating Easter in a northern Colombia village and killed 28 might have been looking for a single person, the governor of the Cordoba province said Monday.
Provincial Governor Jose Gab-

riel Amin said one of the theories police and army investigators were persuing was that the killers might have been looking for an outsider mingling with local citizens at the Easter Sunday fes-

He said villagers in the hamlet of Mejor Esquina in Cordoba province, some 400 kilometres northwest of Bogota, said they had noticed a stranger at the feast in the afternoon.

Amin said there was no indication so far of the attackers' political affiliation, if any, and added they could be linked to drug traffickers.

Police said eight of 10 gunmen arrived by car at about 11 p.m. and opened fire on villagers danc-

ing in a house. Using weapons Amin described as like U.S.-made AR-15 rifles, they shot a random, killing

several youths and one woman. After shooting at the crowd, the attackers forced everyone to lay down and killed a few more people on the floor.

#### don said in Spanish. filed its suit. Rains roll back African drought, bring some relief

### By Rory Channing Reuter

NAIROBI — Rains are slowly sweeping north through Africa. rolling back a drought that has ravaged much of the continent. The drought "looks like it might break," said Peter Usher, meteorological chief at the Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme.

The rains, breaking dry spells that have lasted as long as seven years is some areas, promise de-sperately needed relief for millions of people threatened by starvation — if they can hold out until the next harvests.

#### Signs of change First signs of a change in for-

tunes came late last year, when torrential rains broke the back of a five-year drought in South They have since carried north

to Kenya, on the Equator, and

are continuing into Ethiopia, where more than five million people face famine, and Sudan. Usher told Reuters that a vital pressure belt, the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone, which follows the sun south and then north again, was weak as it moved

down the continent last year, and

produced poor rains. "But on its reversal and passage northwards it seems to have assumed what could be called a more normal pattern, and rains in southern Africa appear to have

been good. "In Kenya they have started on time in March and appear to be good. There is every indication now that they will be good as they move north into Ethiopia and Sudan," he said.

The pressure belt can gain or

lose strength as it changes direction, but usually does not do so once it is northern or southern

The rain could, therefore, benefit all or most of the 20 countries which only months ago formed a giant drought belt, tracing an arc from Mauritania in the west through Somalia on the east coast south to Swaziland.

#### Precarious prospects

But many people may continue to suffer hunger until present food crops, or those planted in coming months, grow. The U.N. Food and Agricul-

ture Organisation (FAO), in its latest crop report for Africa on Feb. 26, warned of precarious prospects for food supplies despite hefty foreign handouts.

Of 4.6 million tonnes of food aid needed to tide countries south of Sahara through to the next harvests, more than one fifth needed in 35 countries — had yet

to win pledges.
Ethiopia, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Chad, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and Niger needed exceptional relief, it said... An end to drought is only part of the answer. Civil war reduces the ability of Angola, Chad,

Ethiopia, Mozambique and

Sudan to feed their peoples. The rains could also create fertile hunting grounds for huge swarms of locusts sweeping North and West Africa in the worst plague for 30 years, and threaten-

ing to move south. Already, the rains have taken a heavy toll. Hundreds of people have died and flood damage runs into millions of dollars.

starvation, floods forced the evacuation of 15,000 people from the Limpopo Valley.

Cyclone-borne rains damaged rice fields, felled coconut trees, temporarily knocked out clean water supplies in Beira, and forced the closure of a road from that Indian Ocean port to Harare. Beira is an important artery to the sea for landlocked Zim-

Excessive rains reduced Zimbabwe's tobacco harvest, its main export crop, and threatened cotton and maize harvests. Sunny

weather needs to continue in order to overcome the effects, the state farm management advisory

agency. Agritex, says. Downpours in Lesotho last October created widespread havoc, prompting the government to declare a state of

Damage apart, some countries have reaped a bonanza. Malawi's President Kamuzu Banda has predicted a bumper harvest after last season's drought left shortages of staple maize.

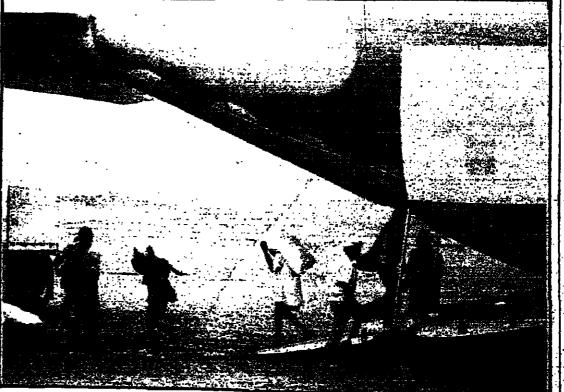
Botswana declared a crippling,

seven-year drought over. 'Drought is normal now'

> Usher warns against complacency, however. Development of long-term forecasting tools is at an early stage in Africa, which still has limited understanding of the climate.

"While one drought is often followed by another drought, or a wet period by a wet period, one cannot rely on that.

"One should always plan for drought in Africa, or be prepared for drought, because drought is normal now," he said.



In Mozambique, where an esti- Unloading Red Cross aid for victims of famine in mated four million people face Ethiopia: Relief — at least some — may be near as

heavy rains have finally hit drought stricken African countries (File photo)

#### be convicted on impeachment charges. The last, Henry Johnston, was removed in Oklahoma in 1929. Mother Teresa to visit South Africa

CALCUTTA (R) - Mother Teresa, whose care for the destitute and dying won her a Nobel Peace Prize, will visit South Africa in May to plan a mission there. The 78-year-old head of the Missionaries of Charity order told Reuters at her Calcutta headquarters Monday that the visit had been cleared by the South African government. The Yugoslavia-born nun, who later became a citizen of India, will also need clearance for the visit from India, which is a leader of a campaign against Pretoria's apartheid policy of racial separation. "We see no problem in giving Mother Teresa the clearance. We know that her mission is always humanitarian," said an Indian External Affairs Ministry spokes-

### Dalai Lama unlikely to accept offer

LONDON (R) - The Dalai Lama was expected Tuesday to reject Peking's offer to let him return to Tibet if he renounces his campaign for his homeland's independence, one of his spokesmen said. "I think it would be out of the question," the spokesman, Tsewang Topgyal, told Reuters ahead of a private briefing which the Tibetan spiritual leader was due to give journalists. The Dalai Lama arrived in Britain Monday for a 12-day private visit amid a row over charges that the British Foreign Office tried to stop him making political statements for fear of harming London's rela-

## damaging material on U.S. officials'

embassy complex in New Delhi's heavily guarded diplomatic enclave, suffered damage estimated at \$100,000 to \$300,000, she said. Panamanian military ruler General Manuel Antonio Firemen doused: the fire at the Noriega holds information suggesting certain U.S. officials at east condoned drug trafficking in She said no other U.S. embassy

Central America, a former aide to Noriega alleged Monday. Jose I. Blandon, a former in-telligence official and consul general for Panama who defected last year, produced a document Noriega sent to the country's U.S. diplomatic offices in February saying he has proof that American officials knowingly established policies that sup-ported people involved in the

drug business. General Noriega says he has proof of the involvement of (U.S.) government authorities in drugs in Central America," Blan-